THE WEATHER
Light snow this afternoon and tonight, clearing Thursday morning.

THE LOWELL SUN

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN THIS CITY

Great Festival To Be Quietly Observed in Lowell Homes

Elaborate Services in the Churches — Celebrations Held Tonight

Lowell's 1919 Christmas observance will be in accord with time-honored traditions of the great holiday and will be of a quiet and happy nature. The churches and home fireside will be the real centres of the day's activities and the various social organizations and other institutions will carry out programs befitting the day.

This evening will see the climax of Christmas preparations when shoppers will make their 11th hour purchases so that Santa Claus may make his annual pilgrimage without embarrassment. The stores report a record-breaking Christmas trade despite lofty prices for practically everything that enters into the observance of the holiday. The greater part of the season's shopping, of course, has been done, but the merchants look forward to a big finale this evening and the clerks are ready for the last attacks of shoppers.

Tomorrow the city will be at a standstill as far as commercial and industrial activities are concerned. The day's observance will open with services in the churches for which elaborate musical programs have been arranged. At noon the various homes and institutions will serve special Christmas dinners. And, of course, there will be thousands of happy Christmas dinners in private homes. The Salvation Army, local lodge of Elks and other benevolent institutions have taken it upon themselves to see that the needy families of the city will have

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CHRISTMAS DAY PROGRAM

MORNING

Special Christmas Music in all the Catholic Churches.
Christmas Services in Other Churches.
Midnight Mass at French Orphanage, in Pawtucket Street.

NOON

Christmas Exercises and Special Dinners in Orphanages, Homes and Institutions.
Christmas Dinners and Music in Hotels and Restaurants.

AFTERNOON

Christmas Tree Exercises at Broadway Social and Athletic Club at 3 O'Clock.
Christmas Exercises at Y.M.C.I. Hall—2.30 O'Clock.
C.Y.M.I. Christmas Tree Program at St. Patrick's School Hall, Suffolk street, 3 O'Clock.
Polo—Fall River vs. Lowell; Crescent Rink, 3.15.
Special Programs at all Theatres. Dancing in the Various Dance Halls.

EVENING

Vesper Services in Churches With Christmas Music.
Boxing—Johnny Downes vs. Frankie Brown and other bouts, Crescent Rink, 8.15.
Open House at Community Service Club, Knights of Columbus, Y.M.C.A. and Various Clubs.
Special Programs in the Theatres and Dancing Parties in Dance Halls.

MR. CLIFFORD DIES AS RESULT OF FALL

Warren Clifford, a well known business man, died this morning at the Lowell Corporation hospital as a result of a fractured skull which he received Sunday when he fell down a flight of stairs at his home, 73 Fort Hill avenue.

Mr. Clifford had conducted a dye house in Andover street for a great many years. His age was 79 years, 9 months and 1 day. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Adeline N. Clifford and a sister, Mrs. Ella P. Ladd. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Undertaker George W. Healey in Branch street.

CONGRESS TO ACT IN NAVAL ROW

Probe May Follow Controversy Between Admiral Sims and Sec. Daniels

Officer Declines Award as Protest to Way Decorations Were Made

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Congressional investigation it was indicated today, might result from the controversy between Admiral Sims and Secretary Daniels over the awards of Distinguished Service Medals in the navy.

The report of the awards of the decorations has been transmitted to the senate naval committee by Secretary Daniels at the request of Chairman Page. Representative Lufkins, republican, Massachusetts, member of the house naval committee said he would ask the house to call for a similar report.

The issue which had been smouldering in inner naval circles came out into the open with the publication of a letter written by Admiral Sims to Secretary Daniels in which he declined to accept his Distinguished Service Medal unless the list of awards were revised to include those recommended by him to receive the second highest naval decoration.

In his letter, Admiral Sims said that of the 19 officers recommended by him for the Distinguished Service Medal, only six received it. He declared that a commanding officer present was best qualified to judge the relative merits of officers entitled to reward, that a board of awards system could not be fair and that officers in important administrative posts on shore occupied relatively more responsible positions than those serving at sea.

Secretary Daniels in his report to the committee said the entire controversy revolved around the question which class of service—short or sea—was more important. He expressed the opinion that only shore duty of the highest importance should be recognized equally with position of grave danger in the active war zone. He declared that under the law and by authority of the president, it was the secretary of the navy's duty to make the final decision.

In response to Admiral Sims' statement that the commanding officers of ships sunk by enemy submarines should not receive decorations, Secretary Daniels said that in his opinion the Distinguished Service Medal should be awarded to those officers in command of ships of the navy which were sunk by submarine attack and whose conduct was meritorious.

SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT LOWELL HOMES

At some moment early this evening between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock, Santa Claus will enter upwards of 200 Lowell homes and bring joy to the hearts of more than 500 longing children, who during the past few weeks have written to him through the Santa Claus bureau at the Girls' Community Service club.

Starting at 5 o'clock and continuing at intervals until 5.30, four automobile trucks, furnished by the Hatch Co., Bay State Cotton Corp., Massachusetts mills and the Merrimack Co., will leave the Runels building to cover pre-arranged sections of the city in the job of distribution. The trucks will not be filled to capacity, but four have been secured to consume as little time as possible.

The club girls have found it impossible to mark every individual gift with the name of the child to whom it will go, but each family name appears on the outside of the wrapper and the girls will leave it to the adult members of the families to suitably mark and distribute the presents within the households.

Although the bureau practically closed for the receipt of additional gifts and contributions on Saturday, they still continue to come in. This morning a check for $10 was received from Mrs. Otto Hockmeyer and $5.30 from collections taken at the Crescent Hill association. Five dresses for a seven-year-old girl also were received today. Yesterday several complete infant outfits were received, so in addition to the distribution of toys, many articles of wearing apparel also will be included in Santa Claus' sack.

The club girls found much joy yesterday and today in wrapping up the gifts and arranging them for distribution. It was a big job but they tackled it with a will and enjoyed it almost as much as will the children who receive them.

Attempt to Steal $40,000 Frustrated After Gun Battle at Bridgeport

BLISS TELLS OF EUROPE'S NEED

Peace Delegate Back From Paris Urges Director General of Food Supply

Would Include Germany in Economic Coalition, He Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Europe's most urgent need today is the pooling of its food supply and the establishment of proper distribution facilities under a director general, in the opinion of General Tasker H. Bliss, a member of the American peace delegation, who reached Washington today from Paris.

Such an arrangement, he said, would remove discontent, strengthen morale and aid over their formative period the new governments which have been created as a result of the war.

Germany should be included in the economic coalition, General Bliss said. With Germany excluded, he declared, there would be an element of discontent which would inevitably react on the other countries.

MR. HARRINGTON OUT OF DANGER

The readers of The Sun will be glad to hear that Mr. John H. Harrington, proprietor of this paper, who has been seriously ill during the last two weeks, is now regarded by his physicians as out of danger and well on the road to recovery, although still quite weak.

No Sun Tomorrow

The Sun wishes all a merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year. In honor of the holiday, all editions of the paper will be suspended tomorrow.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

New Building Will Be Completed April 1—Model Plant Assured

Work on the erection of the new addition to St. John's hospital in Bartlett street is progressing rapidly and providing nothing unforeseen happens the new building will be ready for occupancy April 1. The addition, which will cost in the vicinity of $350,000 and which will be larger than the old building, will when completed, make St. John's the largest hospital in the city.

The new building is of brick construction, 107 feet by 94 feet, four stories high. It also contains a large basement, which will be put to great use and has an ell, which consists of a porch on each story, which can serve as sleeping quarters and sun rooms. The basement has 14 rooms, most of which will be used for medicinal purposes. On the first floor are 13 rooms with a large ward for men, a reception hall and three bath rooms. The second floor consists of 12 rooms, a ward for girls and one for boys and four bath rooms. On the third floor will be located the women's ward, 10 rooms and four bath rooms. On the fourth floor will be three operating rooms a sterilizing room, two etherizing rooms, a supply room, a recovery room, an X-ray room with dark room and developing room connected as well as a machine and record room and two bath rooms.

The new building connects with the old one, while an underground tunnel has been built connecting the new and old buildings with the laundry. The tunnel also has been extended across Stackpole street to the spot where it is planned to erect a new nurses' home. A large elevator located in the old building, serves both structures. The building is one of the finest of its kind in this part of the state. The floors with but few exceptions are of terraza, while the wood finish is of oak. The stairs are of steel with marble steps, while the walls and ceilings are all kalsomined. Both the old and new buildings are being heated from the old boiler plant, where two extra large boilers were recently installed. These boilers also heat the laundry and will heat the nurses' home when it is built. The new addition is as near fireproof as can be erected. All that remains to be done now is some carpentry work, plumbing and painting.

The general contract for the job is under the direction of Daniel H. Walker, while the sub-contracts are as follows: Carpentry, John J. O'Connor; plastering, Daniel H. Walker; painting, J. Dwyer & Co.; electricity, L. A. Derby and ornamental iron work, Arthur Knapp.

BANDITS FLEE WITHOUT MONEY

Bandits Began Shooting in Attempt To Halt Truck With $40,000 Payroll

Officer on Car Fires Volley From Automatic and Hold-up Men Flee

BRIDGEWATER, Dec. 24.—An attempt to steal the $40,000 payroll of the L. Q. White Co., shoe manufacturers, was frustrated today when Benjamin Bowles, a police officer guarding the money, opened fire on four automobile bandits who had held up the pay car. The bandits returned the fire and fled towards Taunton or Boston.

The funds were being taken in a motor truck from the Bridgewater Trust Co., to the White Co.'s factory, the money being safeguarded in an iron box, bolted to the floor of the truck. Earl Graves, a messenger for the White Co., was the driver. Officer Bowles accompanied him as guard.

The holdup took place on Broad st., near the corner of Hale street, where the bandits' car was stopped. The two men remained in the car while two others with sawed-off shotguns and automatic pistols left it and ran toward the motor truck which was moving along Broad street. Shouting to the truck driver to stop, the bandits began shooting and their shots were answered instantly by a volley from Officer Bowles' automatic. The policeman's fire stopped the highwaymen. They dodged behind an electric car and running to their car, jumped in and made their escape. In the excitement of the fusilade, the pay truck collided with a telegraph pole.

According to the police the number on the bandits' car was 01173C and was stolen from a garage in Needham. In this use of a stolen number the methods of the hold-up men was similar to that of the four men who held up and robbed the Randolph Savings bank five weeks ago.

The two men who did the shooting wore dark overcoats and soft hats. One was about five feet six inches in height and the other taller.

The bandits were strangers to this town, in the opinion of officials, but had been looking over the ground preparing for the holdup for a day or two. A garage employe, who witnessed the attempted robbery this morning said he saw two of the men here yesterday.

The White Co. offered a reward of $1000 for the apprehension and conviction of the bandits, a proportionate part to be paid if less than the full band are caught.

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SPECIAL DINNER
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(Choice of One)
ROAST YOUNG TURKEY WITH WALNUT DRESSING en Cranberry Sauce
CHICKEN CHOP SUEY WITH LICHEE
FRIED BONELESS CHICKEN
Vegetables:
Stewed Corn, Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Salad.
Dessert
(Choice of One)
English Plum Pudding, Hard Sauce, Pumpkin Pie, Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit or Marble Cake.
Tea, Coffee.

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52 CENTRAL STREET

CITY INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS
174 CENTRAL STREET
Extract from the Courier-Citizen of May 7th, 1919
The CITY INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS, the big subscriber to this loan in this city thus far, raised its million total by taking an additional $200,000 at the Appleton National Bank. The City Institution on top of this is buying the Victory Loan Notes for customers in addition to its subscription, keeping the $1,200,000 in Victory Notes for its own coffers.
INTEREST BEGINS JAN. 10, 1920

Lowell Cemetery
WARNING
The Lowell Cemetery Management hereby warns all of the severe penalty attached to conviction of any person who shall CUT or MUTILATE any tree or shrub on Cemetery ground. We propose to protect the Lowell Cemetery the coming Christmas through our own Special Police, who will have co-operation with Regular Police Officers. Fair Warning. No Mercy.
HARRY O. MULNO,
Supt. Lowell Cemetery.

$5000
Won't build a $10,000 building and neither will your insurance take care of present values unless you increase same.
FRED. C. CHURCH
53 CENTRAL STREET

DRUG STORES CLOSED
AT NOON CHRISTMAS
Lowell Pharmaceutical Assn.

WE wish to thank the shopping public for the generous patronage with which we have been favored this season, thereby enabling us to surpass by far any previous holiday business.

By offering you only reliable merchandise correctly priced and rendering the best service possible we hope to merit your continued support.

We extend to you all the compliments of the season.

Chalifoux's CORNER

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Local Street Carmen Elect Thomas J. Powers For a Second Term

Thomas J. Powers, a motorman, was re-elected president of the local street carmen's union yesterday, defeating Thomas F. Boyle by 51 votes. Mr. Powers already has served one term as chief executive of the Lowell division. He was also successful in his campaign for the position of delegate to the joint conference board when he had a lead of 85 votes over Edward J. Donnelly.

The polls were open in carmen's hall in the Runels building from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m. and during the day 301 out of 376 members voted. The executive board fight found John Carville, Wil-

THOMAS J. POWERS

liam Sproule, Philip O'Brien, Charles Miller and Thomas McAndrews winning out in that order.

The result of the voting follows:

President, Thomas J. Powers, 195; Thomas F. Boyle, 104. Vice president, Daniel Sullivan, 183; William H. Mahoney, 103. Recording secretary, Jos. Shea, 192; Norman Messer, 95. Financial secretary-treasurer, William Johnson, unopposed, 301. Delegate to the joint conference board in Boston, Thos. J. Powers, 189; Edward J. Donnelly, 104. Board of trustees (first three elected), William Sweeney, 213; Patrick Kiernan, 201; Charles McGuire, 190; J. Sherrin, 99; J. E. Barrett, 92. Correspondent to the Motorman and Conductor, John Graham, unopposed, 301. Executive board (first five elected), John Carville, 188; William Sproule, 170; Philip O'Brien, 161; Charles Miller, 158; Thomas McAndrews, 150; William Brown, 136; John Riordan, 122; Fred Baxter, 120; Christopher Mooney, 106; William Shunny, 171. Janitor, Michael Conaton, unopposed, 301.

AT THE ELIOT CHURCH

Children of the kindergarten and primary grades of the Eliot Union church Sunday school received gifts right from the hands of Santa Claus yesterday, when the annual tree festivities were held in the church vestry. Thomas R. Williams was a typical Santa, even to the long white whiskers and ermine-trimmed scarlet jacket, and his jolly smile welcomed each youngster as he or she joyously approached the tree. Edwin T. Shaw, Sunday school superintendent, and Miss Maude Davis, pastor's assistant, had charge of the program. A ventriloquist entertained the children for a while and bountiful helpings of ice cream and cake brought the happiest sort of an afternoon to a close.

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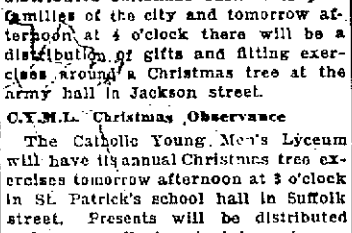

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It causes many troubles, and is aggravated by impure air, unwholesome food, bad water, too much heat or cold, and want of proper exercise.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the medicine that has been used with so much satisfaction by three generations, is wonderfully successful in the treatment of scrofula. Give it a trial.

If a cathartic or laxative is needed, take Hood's Pills—there is nothing better for biliousness or constipation.

CITY COUNCIL HAS BRIEF SESSION

The municipal council held a three-minute session this morning and discussed only routine matters.

Commissioners Morse and Donnelly were absent when Mayor Thompson called the meeting at 10.10.

The petition of Patrick A. Leahey, for a light opposite 65 State street was referred to Commissioner Murphy.

The petition of James F. Gilligan et al., for the acceptance of Bunker Hill street and the installation of a light there was referred to Commissioner Murphy.

Similar action was taken on the petition of John G. Walsh for a street light in Parker street between Stevens and Wilder streets.

Adjourned at 10.13 until Friday at 10 a. m.

Christmas Day

Continued

Christmas cheer and as far as can be learned, there won't be a single individual in Lowell tomorrow who will not have the means to observe the day fittingly.

The drug stores will close at noon tomorrow to give the clerks a half-holiday. The barber shops will be open this evening but will be closed all day tomorrow. With the exception of confectionery and fruit stores there will be no sign of commercial activity downtown.

The local hotels and restaurants will serve special Christmas dinners during the day and the theatres have arranged programs for the afternoon and evening. Practically every dance hall in the city will be the scene of a Christmas dancing party.

For those athletically inclined there will be polo in the afternoon and boxing in the evening at the Crescent rink in Hurd street. Possibly, if the weather is suitable, there will be skating at Shedd park.

This afternoon the Salvation Army distributed Christmas baskets to poor families of the city and tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a distribution of gifts and fitting exercises around a Christmas tree at the army hall in Jackson street.

C.Y.M.L. Christmas Observance

The Catholic Young Men's Lyceum will have its annual Christmas tree exercises tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Patrick's school hall in Suffolk street. Presents will be distributed and an excellent entertainment program carried out. A hustling committee made up of Timothy Rohan, chairman; James Hessian, William Furey, James Walsh, Arthur Keyes and others, have charge of the affair and a big success is assured.

The Y.M.C.A., Knights of Columbus, Community Service club and other organization will hold open house all day. No special programs have been arranged.

Municipal Christmas Tree

The nucleus of the official Christmas eve celebration tonight will be at the big Christmas tree which has been erected in front of city hall. All that is needed to make the celebration here one of the prettiest affairs of its kind ever witnessed in Lowell is a little geniality on the part of the weather man. The tree has been decked with tiny illuminants which will be lighted

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TWO AVIATORS KILLED

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Dec. 24.—Second Lieut. Herbert Tuchborne of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and Private Alister Lima of San Luis Obispo, Calif., were killed yesterday at March field, the army aviation field near here, when their airplane fell 2000 feet.

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ATTRACTIVE POSITION

Organist at Local Theatre Goes to the Original Strand Circuit

Miss M. Frances Doughty, who for the past 14 months has given unmeasured pleasure to thousands of Lowell people by her artistic efforts as organist at the Strand theatre, will leave Lowell next Saturday evening to assume new duties with one of the largest theatre corporations in the country, the original Strand theatre circuit whose headquarters is in New York and whose theatres cover a territory stretching over the greater part of the east.

Moe Mark, the principal owner and general manager of the Strand the-

MISS M. FRANCES DOUGHTY

atre of New York, one of the biggest theatrical men in the country, recently heard Miss Doughty play and was very much impressed by her work. So impressed was he that he offered the popular organist a position with his circuit at a price which Miss Doughty had a big part in determining.

The position which Miss Doughty has accepted is one of the most attractive in the profession today and her friends are rejoicing with her over the fact that her abilities have been rewarded so justly. Miss Doughty's playing will be featured among the various houses of the Strand circuit and one of her early engagements will be at the opening of one of the new Strand houses at Albany, N. Y., in the near future.

On next Monday evening Miss Doughty will open her engagement with the Strand circuit in Lynn and it is expected that many of her Lowell friends and admirers will travel to the ocean city to hear her.

Miss Doughty is well fitted for her new position by years of study and practical experience, and her ability, combined with an exceptionally charming personality, has won her a host of friends wherever she has played. Her home is in Boston.

CLUBS WILL CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

Plans are practically completed for the ladies' night to be held at the C.M.A.C. hall in Pawtucket street on New Year's eve. A committee, headed by Albert Guilbault, worked hard to prepare an attractive program and it promises an exceptionally good time for all who will attend. The affair will be for members only and the program will consist of musical numbers, while the entire building will be thrown open to the members of the fair sex. In the course of the evening a luncheon will be served.

Club Lafayette

Club Lafayette will usher in the new year with a stag party for its members. The organization had planned to hold a ladies' night on New Year's eve as a formal opening of the new clubhouse but, owing to the fact that general repairs, which started in the building a short time ago are not completed, the affair has been postponed to the middle of January. A special program will be given for the members, however, and luncheon will be served.

A Mother's Letter

9 Decatur Street,
Charlestown, Mass.

Dear Sir: I cannot praise too highly your wonderful Sister Mary's Compound. My little boy, for almost a year, has had a racking, very painful cough. Physicians here stated that it was an incipient TUBERCULAR cough. Behind his ear he had what was diagnosed as a TUBERCULAR sore. The poor child had wasted away to almost a thread. Since giving him your compound he has gained rapidly; the cough is almost gone and the sore has HEALED all up. To your Compound I owe his life; it is wonderful. I cannot praise it too highly.

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Shakespeare's "Seven ages of man" pay tribute to Horlick's Malted Milk

In these interesting extracts from letters to us the story is told:

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Horlick's has proved itself to be the ideal food for every age of Shakespeare's Seven. It is so complete in itself as to contain every element of nutrition necessary to sustain life—even of the most robust—and yet it is readily digestible by the delicate stomach of the infant and the invalid.

1st Age. *"First the infant in the nurse's arms"*

"Words fail to express how grateful I am to Horlick's Malted Milk. My babe was given up; it was said she would not live through the night. But the next morning it still lived, and while we anxiously watched it, a neighbor persuaded us to try 'Horlick's.' It was like putting oil on the wick of a dying lamp; she improved rapidly, and is now the joy of the house"

3d Age. *"Then the soldier seeking reputation at the cannon's mouth"*

"Clara Barton of the Red Cross in her stories of the Spanish-American War tells how Colonel Roosevelt asked the Red Cross to sell him some supplies for some sick men in his regiment, but she declined. 'We cannot sell them, but you can have them for asking.' 'Oh, then I do ask for them.' 'All right, what is on your list?' The list was Horlick's Malted Milk, etc. Colonel Roosevelt slung the heavy sack over his shoulder, and trudged off through the jungle"

2d Age. *"Then the school boy with his shining morning face"*

"I raised five children on 'Horlick's,' and they all love it still. It can't be beat as a nutritious lunch between meals for a growing boy or girl"

4th Age. *"And then the lover with his ballad"*

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5th Age. *"And then the justice full of wise saws"*

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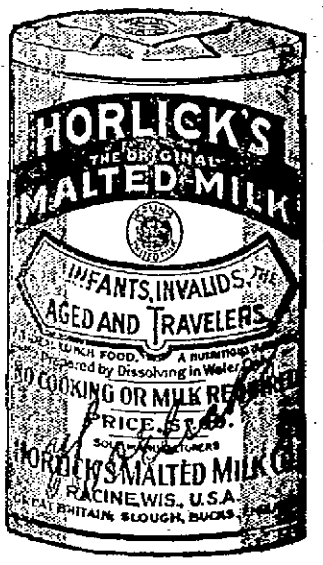

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ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

by Olive Roberts Barton.

IN THE SPIDER'S WEB

Nancy and Nick were caught in the spider's web when they were out hunting for Jocko, their lost toy monkey. They had lost their magic green shoes, which was too bad, because they were as little as ants, and now they couldn't wish themselves big again. But as the mushroom in Nancy's pocket said, "They must be brave and patient," and they were trying to be both.

"Here's the spider now," said Nick, peeping through the grass. "She's coming back. She's found our green shoes, and she's got 'em on!"

Sure enough—along came the spider, looking as proud as a peacock.

"Better be careful she doesn't wish to be big, as long as she has the shoes on children," whispered the mushroom. "She might get as big as a cow."

Just then the spider arrived.

"I found your shoes," she said, "but I think I'll keep them. I've always wanted some green shoes, and they just fit me, too." And she brushed off a speck of dust.

"I wish—" she began, when the twins cried, "Oh, don't, please!"

"I found your shoes," said the spider, "but I think I'll keep them. I've always wanted some green shoes, and they just fit me, too."

She looked very much astonished, but started again, "I've always wished—"

"Oh, please don't," they begged again.

"Well, I declare, what odd bugs you are—or flies, which is it?"

"We're children," said Nancy.

"Indeed! Well, children, I couldn't find an ant and I'm hungry, so I think I'll be having dinner." And her eyes glittered as she came toward them.

But what do you think happened? She couldn't walk in the web with those shoes. They slipped whenever she took a step, so she had to take them off.

Quick as a wink the twins grabbed them and put them on. "Please make us big," they said. "And in a twinkling they were their proper size again and the spider was nowhere to be seen.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY IN CHELMSFORD

The young people of the Central Congregational church in Chelmsford were tendered a Christmas party yesterday afternoon, the affair, which was attended by about 60 boys and girls, being held in the vestry of the church. A varied entertainment program was given under the direction of Mrs. Allen Gould and Mrs. A. G. Scoboria, while games were also played. Those present were visited by Santa Claus, who presented them appropriate gifts and candy.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the Sunday school classes above the primary department met and enjoyed a most delightful playlet entitled "Why the Chimes Rang," those taking part being Donald W. Farrington, Adams B. Dutton, Miss Hazel McKinley, Harold Linstad, Harold Boyd, Elmer Petrie, Isabel Warren, Roger Boyd, Evelyn Boyd, Herbert Files and Laura Richardson. The affair was given under the direction of Mrs. John G. Lovell.

PLAN TO TRAIN NEW FIREMEN

In anticipation of the installation of the double platoon system here in Lowell next February and the preliminary training necessary for the new firemen who are to be added to the force, Chief Edward F. Saunders today sent four of his officers to the firemen's training school in Boston to get pointers for the instruction they are later to give the new men who come into the local department.

The four men who were sent were District Chief Crowley, District Chief Saunders, Captain Burns of Engine 6 and Captain Conway of Truck 3. They received one lesson at 10 o'clock this morning and another at 3 p. m. These officers will give instruction to new men who are to enter the department the first of the year.

CHECK FOR FIREMEN

The Adams' Paint & Hardware Co., whose store in Middlesex street was gutted by fire yesterday afternoon, today forwarded a check for $50 to Chief Edward F. Saunders of the fire department to be credited to the Lowell Firemen's fund, in appreciation of the work done by the department yesterday.

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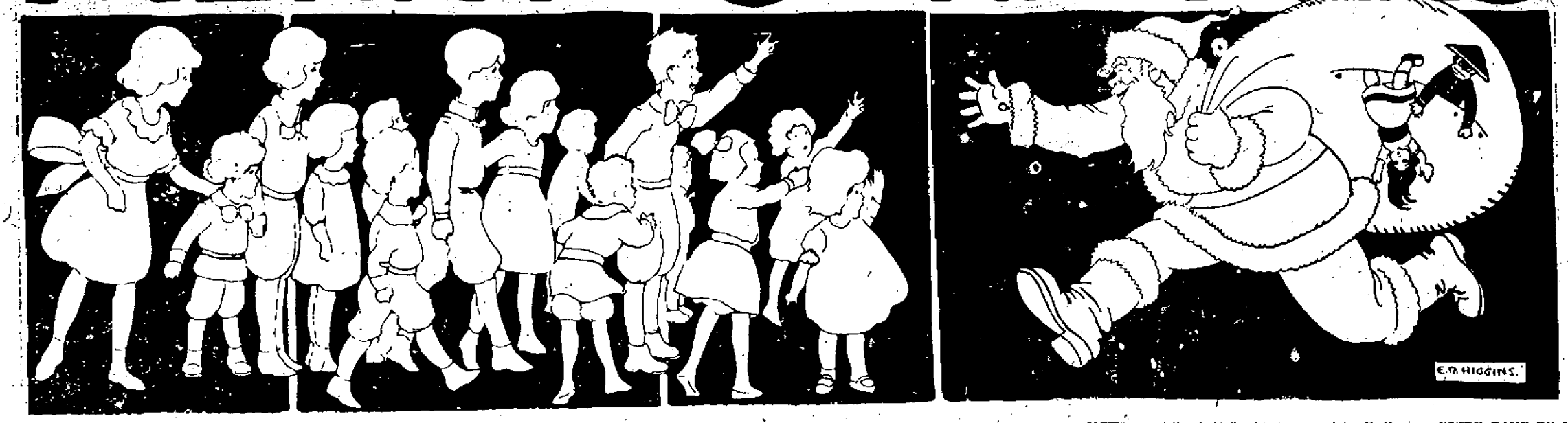

Elaborate Christmas Musical Programs in Catholic Churches

Christmas music of the usual high standard and beauty will be a feature of the observance of the great holiday tomorrow by the local Catholic churches. The choir director in every church in the city has prepared an elaborate program, embracing the traditional Christmas hymns and carols and with augmented choirs this year's music should add immeasurably to the happy spirit of Christmas day.

The most elaborate programs will be carried out at the late mass in each parish but there will also be special Christmas music at the early masses. Vesper services will be held in the afternoon and evening and again special music will be a feature.

The programs to be carried out in the local Catholic churches tomorrow will be as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. O'Brien, P.R.
Solemn High Mass, 11 o'clock
Processional, With Heart Truly Grateful ..... Traditional
Introit, Puer Natus ..... G. Capocci
Sanctury Choir
Mass, St. Cecilia .....Chas. Gounod
(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei)
Church Choir
Gradual, Viderunt omnes,
J. Falkenstien
Offertory, Tui sunt Coeli...J. B. Tresch
Sanctuary Choir
Motett, Nato Nobis.....Van Reyschoot
Church Choir
Communion, Viderunt...J. Falkenstien
Recessional, Carols ..... Arundel
Sanctuary Choir
Responses by Sanctuary choir of 50 voices, Brother Nilus, director.
Church quartet: Miss Alice Murphy, soprano; Mrs. James Morris, contralto; Mr. John McNabb, tenor; Mr. Andrew A. McCarthy, baritone, assisted by Mr. D. S. O'Brien, bass, a chorus of 25 voices and M. J. Johnson at the organ.
Solemn Vespers, 4 o'clock
Processional, With Hearts Truly Grateful, ...
Sanctury Choir
Psalms and antiphons of the feast sung antiphonally by church and sanctuary choirs from Bristow and plain chant.
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor.....D. Mueller
Church Choir
Magnificat ..... Webbe
Church and Sanctuary Choirs
Alma Redemptoris.
Soloist, Thomas A. Delmore
Sanctuary Choir
Benediction, Ave Verum.
J. Falkenstien
Tenor Obligato and Chorus
Motett, Nato Nobis.....Van Reyschoot
Tantum Ergo ..... Lambillotte
Church Choir
Laudate Dominum
Recessional, Carols ..... Arundel
Sanctuary Choir
The children's choir under the direction of the Sisters of Notre Dame academy will sing Christmas carols at the 8.30 mass. At the offertory Miss Frances Tighe will sing "O Holy Night," by Adam. Mr. John J. Kelty will be the organist.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Rev. Daniel J. Keleher, Ph.D., Pastor
Processional, Prelude .....Lemmens
Introit, Puer Natus Est....Scheidemann
Kyrie, Missa Benedicamus Domino, Perosi
Gloria, Missa Benedicamus Domino, Perosi
Gradual, Viderunt Omnes.....Caturan
Credo, Missa Benedicamus Domino, Perosi
Offertory, Tui Sunt Coeli.....Caturan
Noel ..... Adam
Miss Mae C. Rynne
Sanctus
Benedictus, Missa Benedicamus Domino Perosi
Agnus Dei, Missa Benedicamus Domino Perosi
Communio, Viderunt Omnes....Caturan
Recessional, Adeste Fideles.....Novello
Miss Florence M. Hague
Soloists: Miss Sadie Sheehan, Mr. James Donnelly, Mr. Lawrence Delaney.
Organist: Miss Gertrude M. Quigley.
Director: Rev. Peter T. Linehan.
Evening Service
Processional, Christmas Hymn, Cardinal O'Connell
Mr. James Donnelly
Solemn Vespers
Noel ..... Adam
Miss Mae C. Rynne
O Salutaris ..... Charles Wels
Ave Verum
Miss Lauretta C. Barry
Tantaum Us...D.....den,O
Tantum Ergo ..... Eduardo Marzo
Laudate
Recessional, Adeste Fideles....Novello
Miss Florence M. Hague
Organist: Miss Gertrude M. Quigley.
Director: Rev. Peter T. Linehan.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Moore Street
Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., Pastor.
Solemn High Mass, 11 O'Clock
Prelude, Triumphal March....Flagler
Organ.
Processional Hymn:
See Amid The Winter's Snow....Abt
Introitus, Puer natus est..Gregorian
Chancel Choir.
Kyrie, Weber's Mass in G.....Weber
Gloria, Weber's Mass in G.....Weber
Church Choir.
Graduale, "Viderunt omnes" Gregorian
Veni Creator .....Gregorian
Chancel Choir.
Credo, "Weber's Mass in G"....Weber
Church Choir.
Offertory, "Nato Nobis Salvatore"
Van Reyschoot
Church Choir.
Soloist, John F. McMahon.
Sanctus, Weber's Mass in G....Weber
Benedictus, Weber's Mass in G..Weber
Agnus Dei, Weber's Mass in G..Weber
Church Choir.
Communion, Adeste Fideles.
Recessional Hymn:
Angels From Your Realms of Glory, Abt
Chancel Choir.
Postlude, "The Lord is Great," Mendelssohn
Church Choir.
Soloists in the mass: Miss Catherine Sharkey, Mrs. Russell Codet, Mr. John McMahon and Mr. George Kirwin.
Vesper Service, 6.30 P. M
Organ Prelude:
Largo from "Xerxes".....Handel
Meditation .....Lanigra
Offertoire in Dominor.....Lott
Processional Hymn:
"'Twas in the Winter Cold," Mazzinger
Chancel Choir.
Tenor Solo and Chorus, "Nato Nobis Salvatore".....Van Reyschoot
Church Choir.
Soloist, John McMahon.

THE OLD, OLD STORY

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people.

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

CHRISTMAS EVE

"How do you suppose Santa Claus ever can come down this chimney?"

Quartet, "Divine Praises",.C. Elliott
Church Quartet.
Adeste Fideles,
Chancel Choir.
Solemn Benediction.
Ave Verum .....A. Guilmant
Church Choir.
Soprano Solo and Chorus, "O Holy Night" ..... Adam
Church Quartet.
Tantum Ergo ..... Rossi
Church Choir.
Adoramus Dominum .....Gregorian
Laudate ..... Gregorian
Recessional Hymn. "In the Lowly Manger Lying."
Chancel Choir.
Postlude. "The Lord is Great."
Mendelssohn
Church Choir.
Church choir of 40 voices assisted by chancel choir of 50 voices will sing at morning and evening services. Church quartet: Miss Catherine Sharkey, sporano; Mrs. Russell Godet, contralto; Mr. John McMahon, tenor; Mr. George Kirwin, bass. Organist and director, Mr. John J. Kelty.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Rev. Lawrence Tighe, Pastor
Solemn High Mass, 11 A. M.
Processional
Sanctuary Choir
Introit ..... G. Capocci
Kyrie ..... Gounod, St. Cecilia
Gloria ..... Gounod, St. Cecilia
Graduale ..... J. Falkenstein
Credo ..... Gounod
Offertory ..... J. B. Tresch
Noel ..... Van Reyschoot
Sanctus ..... Gounod
Benedictus ..... Gounod
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Communion ..... J. Falkenstein
Recessional
Sanctuary Choir
Evening Service
Solemn Vespers at 6.30
Processional
Sanctuary Choir
Psalms ..... Gregorian
Hymn of Day ..... Mozart
Magnificat ..... Emmerich
Christmas Carols
Sung by Children
O Salutaris ..... Gounod
Tantum Ergo ..... Rossini
Recessional
Sanctuary Choir
Soloists: Misess Moody, McManus, McQudae, McCaffery and Messrs. King, Kane, Gookin. Assisted by a choir of 50 voices. Mrs. Hugh Walker, organist; Mr. William L. Gookin, director.

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ST. MICHAEL'S

Rev. John J. Shaw, Pastor
Solemn Mass at 11 A. M.
Solemn Vespers at 7 P. M.
The musical portion of the services, morning and evening, will be sung by the church quartet and chorus, assisted by the chancel choir (vested) of 50 boys and men, who will sing the Christmas carols, processionals, motets and responses.
The quartet: Mrs. James A. Murphy, soprano; Miss Margaret Griffin, contralto; Mr. Thomas P. Goulger, bass; Mr. James A. Murphy, tenor.
Miss Ella M. Reilly, organist.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

Rev. Charles J. Galligan, Rector
HIGH MASS AT 11 A. M.
Organ Prelude, "March of the Magi" Dubois
Kyrie, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Gloria, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Credo, Mass in G.....Rosewig
"Ave Maria" .....Dorn
Miss Katherine V. Hennessey
Sanctus, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Benedictus, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Agnus Dei, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Organ postlude, "Adeste Fideles" Gettings
Vesper Service at 4 p. m.
Organ Prelude, "Pasterale ....Batiste
Gregorian Psalms:
Dixit Dominus
Confitebor Tibi
Beatus Vir
De Profundis.
Memento Domine.
"Jesu Redemptor Omnium" ....Mueller
Magnificat ..... Webbe
Alma Redemptoris .....Webbe
Alma Redemptoris .....Webbe
Benediction: "O Salutaris"....Rossini
"Tantum Ergo".....Palestrina
Organ postlude, "Grand Chorus" Batiste
The solos in the mass and at vespers will be sustained by Miss Katherine V. Hennessey, Miss Lillian Sullivan, Mrs. James F. Gaffney, Miss Bertha Conlin, sopranos; Mrs. Arthur McQuaid, Miss Catherine McEvoy, Miss Etta Hennessey, contraltos; Mr. John F. Roane, Mr. Arthur McQuaid, Mr. John Buckley, tenors; Mr. William F. Burns, Mr. Frank McCarthy, bassos. John F. McGlinchey will be the organist.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH

High Mass at 10.30 A. M.
Processional Marche.....E. A. Batiste
Prelude ..... Reed
Asperges .....Wergner
Kyrie .....Turner's St. Cecilia
Gloria .....Kumin
Credo ..... Kumin
Choir
Offertory, Adeste Fideles
Miss Frances Tighe, Miss Gertrude Kennedy, Miss Madeline Mayo.
Sanctus .....Turner's St. Cecilia
Benedictor .....Turner's St. Cecilia
Agnus Del .....Turner's St. Cecilia
Choir
Recessional Marche .....Reed
Evening Services, 7.30
Processional Marche
Prelude, Meditation .....Morrison
"O Holy Night"
Miss Frances Tighe
O Salutaris .....Wergner
Tantum Ergo.....Wergner
Choir
"Holy God"
Choir
Recessional Marche
Organist, Miss Katherine Wholey.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 o'Clock
Processional, Grand March A Tannhaeuser
Orchestra
Mass, Haydn's Third Mass in B with organ and orchestra accompaniment
Soloists: Mrs. Telesphore Malo, Miss Antoinette Alexandre, Miss Rose Lussier, Miss Evelyn Benoit, Miss Beata Gendreau, Miss Blanche Larue, Miss Stella Latour, Messrs. Ernest J. Dupont, Fred Venner, Edgar Montmarquette, Arthur Leveille.
Offertory, "Noel,".....A. Adam
Soloist, Mr. Ernest J. Dupont, with orchestra and organ accompaniment
Recessional, "La Reine de Sabath"
Orchestra
Miss Lena B. Camire, organist; Mr. Henri Lavigueur, orchestra director; Mr. Telesphore Malo, choir director.

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES

High Mass at 10 O'Clock
Mass in G .....Weber
Vidistis Pastores .....B. Hamma
(Christmas Hymn.)
Vespers
Magnificat ..... Lambillotte
Vidistis Pastores .....B. Hamma
Ave Verum .....J. Falkenstein
Tantum Ergo .....Chas. Gounod
Director: Mr. Rene Delys; organist, Miss Bella Lavigne; soloists: Misses M. Turgeon, E. Gaudette, B. Levesque, Mrs. C. Cote, Miss Y. Montmarquet, Mr. J. Gaudette, Mr. R. Delys.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Solemn Pontifical High Mass at 10 O'Clock
Processional:
Adeste Fideles .....M. A. Portugal
Introit ..... Tozer
Kyrie and Gloria .....Bishop da Silva
Graduel ..... Tozer
Credo ..... Bishop da Silva
Hodie Nobis de Coelo, offertory,
J. Marques
Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei,
Bishop da Silva
Communion ..... Tozer
Recessional, Quem vidistis, Pastores,
Bishop da Silva
Evening Service at 7 O'Clock
Solemn Vespers and Benediction.
Processional, Nato nobis Salvatore,
D van Reysschoot
Psalms, Dixit Dominus, Confitebor tibi Domine and Beatus vir,
J. A. Korman
De Profundis and Memento, Domine, David .....Gregorian
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor Omnium,
Frank Abt
Magnificat ..... Lambillotte
O Salutaris and Tantum Ergo,
Bishop da Silva
Soloists—Sopranos: Mrs. J. H. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Mooney; Miss Ellen Lynch; Contraltos: Misses Mary Mack and Mary Santos; tenors: Mr. John Dalton, Mr. Charles Panton, Mr. James King; baritones: Mr. Walter Mack and Mr. J. Cummins; organist, Miss Marie J. C. O'Donnell; violinists, Mr. Chas. H. O'Donnell, Mr. Raymond P. Bourgeois; bass, Mr. G. W. Gilmore; director, Prof. Fred G. Pond.

Christmas Day

Continued

at dusk this evening and will continue lighted until midnight. The windows of city hall will be illuminated with Christmas candles and Christmas wreaths are hanging from each window. Surmounting the Christmas tree itself is a large star that will glow with a cheery brilliance as soon as darkness strikes the city.

The exercises at the tree are scheduled to be of a happy nature. The U. S. Cartridge Co. band will give a brief overture promptly at 8 o'clock and then Mayor Perry D. Thompson will extend the greetings of the season. From then on Albert Edmund Brown, Lowell's premier community singing leader, will be in charge of the program and will lead the thousands who are expected to be present through the happy notes of Christmas carols. Several hundred choir singers and members of the choral society have promised to assist Mr. Brown and the volume of harmony that will rise up in the open air should be most impressive.

Broadway Christmas Tree

A competitor for Christmas eve honors with the municipal celebration will be the observance to be staged this evening by the Broadway Social and Athletic club. This organization has erected a large Christmas tree on the lot opposite its rooms in Broadway and this will be lighted promptly at 5 o'clock. As soon as the municipal celebration at city hall is over the Broadway program will be carried out. Commissioner Dennis A. Murphy will extend the greetings of the season and there will also be remarks by Mayor Thompson. There will be selections by a band and then will come carol singing by all present.

Following the outdoor program the club will hold open house and there will be entertainment features galore. Everybody in the Broadway district is invited to attend.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree for the children. Hundreds of toys and pounds of candy have been prepared for distribution.

Y.M.C.I. Christmas Tree

Members of the Y.M.C.I. will hold their annual Christmas tree celebration tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 in their hall in Stackpole street and this year's affair is scheduled to outrival all previous ones as far as elaboration and happy spirit are concerned.

The program will include songs, stories and the distribution of Christmas presents. Santa Claus will be played by Frank McCartin and he will be assisted by William Harrington. The committee in charge has arranged many surprises for the occasion.

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Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children

Edited by Joseph Bucklin Bishop

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In leaving the United States for his trip to Panama, President Roosevelt shattered a tradition of the White House. He was the first president to leave this country while in office; the first to enter a foreign country; the first to visit a dependency of the United States. At this time he was putting forward his simplified spelling ideas, in the face of much opposition. In fact, Theodore Roosevelt seemed to be attracted most to causes in which he was certain to encounter vigorous antagonism.—The Editor.

Names of the Guns

On Board U. S. S. Louisiana,
Sunday, Nov. 11, 1906.

Blessed Archie:

I wish you were along with us, for you would thoroughly enjoy everything on this ship. We have had three days of perfect weather, while this great battleship with her two convoys, the great armored cruisers, Tennessee and Washington, have steamed steadily in column ahead southward through calm seas until now we are in the tropics. They are three as splendid ships of their class as there are afloat, save only the English dreadnaught. The Louisiana now has her gun-sights and everything is all in good shape for her to begin practice of the duties which will make her crew as fit for man-of-war's work as the crew of any one of our other first-class battleships. The men are such splendid-looking fellows, Americans of the best type, young, active, vigorous with lots of intelligence. I was much amused at the names of the seven-inch guns, which include Victor, Invincible, Peacemaker, altogether with Skidoo, and also one called Tedd and one called The Big Stick.

Reflections on the Way

On Board U. S. S. Louisiana,

Dear Kermit:

So far this trip has been a great success, and I think mother has really enjoyed it. As for me, I of course feel a little bored, as I always do on shipboard, but I have brought on a great variety of books, and am at this moment reading Milton's prose works, "Tacitus," and a German novel called "Jorn Uhl." Mother and I walk briskly up and down the deck together, or else sit aft under the awning, or in the after cabin, with the gun ports open, and read; and I also spend a good deal of time on the forward bridge and of course have gone over the ship to inspect it with the captain. It is a splendid thing to see one of these men-of-war, and it does really make one proud of one's country. Both the officers and the enlisted men are as fine a set as one could wish to see.

It is a beautiful sight, these three great warships standing southward in close columns, and almost as beautiful at night when we see not only the lights, but the loom through the darkness of the ships astern. We are now in the tropics and I have thought a good deal of the time over eight years ago when I was sailing to Santiago in the fleet of warships and transports. It seems a strange thing to think of my now being president, going to visit the work of the Panama Canal which I have made possible.

Mother, very pretty and dainty in white summer clothes, came up on Sunday morning to see inspection and review, or whatever they call it, of the men. I usually spend half an hour on deck before mother is dressed. Then we breakfast together alone; have also taken lunch alone, but at dinner have two or three officers to dine with us. Doctor Rixey is along, and is a perfect dear, as always.

Events Since Columbus' Discovery

Nov. 14.

The fourth day out was in some respects the most interesting. All the forenoon we had Cuba on our right and most of the forenoon and part of the afternoon Hayti on our left; and in each case green jungly shores and bold mountains—two great, beautiful, venomous tropic islands. These are historic seas and mother and I have kept thinking of all that has happened in them since Columbus landed at San Salvador (which we also saw), the Spanish explorers, the buccaneers, the English and Dutch sea-dogs, and adventurers, the great English and French fleets, the desperate fighting, the triumphs, the pestilence, of all the turbulence, the splendor and the wickedness, and the hot, evil, riotous life of the old planters and slave-owners, Spanish, French, English and Dutch;—their extermination of the Indians and bringing in of negro slaves, the decay of most of the islands, the turning of Hayti into a land of savage negroes, who have reverted to voodooism and cannibalism; the effort we are now making to bring Cuba and Porto Rico forward.

Today is calm and beautiful, as all the days have been on our trip. We have just sighted the highest land of Panama ahead of us, and we shall be at anchor by 2 o'clock this afternoon; just a little less than six days from the time we left Washington.

Pride in America

On Board U.S.S. Louisiana,
Nov. 14.

Dear Ted:

I am very glad to have taken this trip, although as usual I am bored by the sea. Everything has been smooth as possible, and it has been lovely having mother along. It gives me great pride in America to be aboard this great battleship and to see not only the material perfection of the ship herself in engines, guns and all arrangements, but the fine quality of the officers and crew. Have you ever read Smollett's novel, I think "Roderick Random" or "Humphrey Clinker," in which the hero goes to sea? It gives me an awful idea of what a floating hell of filth, disease, tyranny and cruelty a warship was in those days. Now every arrangement is as clean and healthful as possible. The men can bathe and do bathe as often as cleanliness requires. Their fare is excellent and they are as self-respecting a set as can be imagined. I am no great believer in the superiority of times past; and I have no question that the officers and men of our navy now are in point of fighting capacity better than in the times of Drake and Nelson; and morally and in physical surroundings the advantage is indefinitely in our favor.

It was delightful to have you two or three days at Washington. Blessed old fellow, you had a pretty hard time in college this fall; but it can't be helped, Ted; as one grows older the bitter and the sweet keep coming together. The only thing to do is to grin and bear it, to flinch as little as possible under the punishment, and to keep pegging steadily away until the luck turns.

What the President Saw at Panama

U.S.S. Louisiana,
At Sea, Nov. 20, 1906.

Dear Kermit:

Our visit to Panama was most successful as well as most interesting. We were there three days and we worked from morning till night. The second day I was up at a quarter to 6 and got to bed at a quarter to 12, and I do not believe that in the intervening time, save when I was dressing, there were 10 consecutive minutes when I was not busily at work in some shape or form. For two days there were uninterrupted tropic rains without a glimpse of the sun, and the Chagres river rose in a flood, higher than any for 15 years; so that we saw the climate at its worst. It was just what I desired to do.

It certainly adds to one's pleasure to have read history and to appreciate the picturesque. When on Wednesday we approached the coast, and the jungle-covered mountains looked clearer and clearer until we could see the surf beating on the shores, while there was hardly a sign of human habitation, I kept thinking of the four centuries of wild and bloody romance, mixed with abject squalor and suffering, which had made up the history of the isthmus until three years ago. I could see Balboa crossing the Darien, and the wars between the Spaniards and the Indians, and the settlement and the building up of the quaint walled Spanish towns; and the trade, across the seas by galleon, and over land by pack-train and river canoe, in gold and silver, in precious stones; and then the advent of the buccaneers, and of the English seamen, of Drake and Frobisher and Morgan, and many, many others, and the wild destruction they wrought. Then I thought of the rebellion against the Spanish dominion, and the uninterrupted and bloody wars that followed, the last occurring when I became president; wars, the victorious heroes of which have their pictures frescoed on the quaint rooms of the palace at Panama city, and in similar palaces in all capitals of these strange, turbulent little half-caste civilizations. Meanwhile the Panama railroad had been built by Americans over a half century ago, with appalling loss of life, so that it is said, of course, with exaggeration, that every sleeper laid represented the death of a man. Then the French canal company started work, and for two or three years did a good deal, until it became evident that the task far exceeded its powers; and then to miscalculation and inefficiency was added the hideous greed of adventurers, trying each to save something from the general wreck, and the company closed with infamy and scandal.

Now we have taken hold of the job. We have difficulties with our own people, of course. I haven't a doubt that it will take a little longer and cost a little more than men now appreciate, but I believe that the work is being done with a very high degree both of efficiency and honesty; and I am immensely struck by the character of American employes who are engaged, not merely in superintending the work, but in doing all the jobs that need skill and intelligence. The steam shovels, the dirt trains, the machine shops, and the like, are all filled with American engineers, conductors, machinists, boilermakers, carpenters. From the top to the bottom these men are so handy, so efficient, so energetic that it is a real pleasure to look at them. Stevens, the head engineer, is a big fellow, man of daring and good sense, and burly power. All of these men are quite as formidable, and would, if it were necessary, do quite as much in battle as the crews of Drake and Morgan; but as it is, they are doing a work of infinitely more lasting consequence. Nothing whatever remains to show what Drake and Morgan did. They produced no real effect down here, but Stevens and his men are changing the face of the continent, are doing the greatest engineering feat of the ages, and the effect of their work will be felt while our civilization lasts. I went over everything that I could possibly go over in the time at my disposal. I examined the quarters of married and single men, white men and negroes. I went over the ground of the Gatun and La Boca dams; went through Panama and Colon, and spent a day in the Culebra cut, where the great work is being done. There the huge steam-shovels are hard at it; scooping huge masses of rock and gravel and dirt previously loosened by the drillers and dynamite blasters, loading it on trains which take it away to some dump, either in the jungle or where the dams are to be built. They are eating steadily into the countain, cutting it down and down. Little tracks are laid on the side-hills, rocks blasted out, and the great 95-ton steam-shovels work up like mountain howitzers until they come to where they can with advantage begin their work of eating into and destroying the mountainside. With intense energy, men and machines do their task, the white men supervising matters and handling the machines, while the tens of thousands of black men do the rough manual labor where it is not worth while to have machines do it. It is an epic feat, and one of immense significance.

The deluge of rain meant that many of the villages were knee-deep in water, while the flooded rivers tore through the tropic forests. It is a real tropic forest, palms and bananas, breadfruit trees, bamboos, lofty ceibas, and gorgeous butterflies and brilliant colored birds fluttering among the orchids. There are beautiful flowers, too.

All my old enthusiasm for natural history seemed to revive, and I would have given a good deal to have stayed and tried to collect specimens. It would be a good hunting country, too; deer, and now and then jaguars and tapir, and great birds that they call wild turkeys; there are alligators in the rivers. One of the trained nurses from a hospital went to bathe in a pool last August and an alligator grabbed him by the legs and was making off with him, but was fortunately scared away, leaving the man badly injured.

I tramped everywhere through the mud. Mother did not do the roughest work, and had time to see more of the really picturesque and beautiful side of the life, and really enjoyed herself.

P. S.—The Gatun dam will make a lake miles long, and the railroad now goes on what will be the bottom of this lake, and it was curious to think that in a few years great ships would be floating in water 100 feet above where we were.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

N. Y.'s Final Day Expected To Exceed Record Breaking Business of Yesterday

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—New York's final day of Christmas shopping started today with a rush that promised to exceed even the record-breaking business of yesterday.

Never before in the history of the city has there been such widely distributed prosperity.

Christmas bonuses distributed by firms in the financial district were estimated today to aggregate $30,000,000. Employes of corporations, banks and brokerage firms in many cases received double the bonuses of last year. The gifts varied from 15 per cent to 100 per cent of the recipients' salaries.

Among the firms which had not announced gifts until today was the United States Rubber Co. Col. Samuel P. Coit, chairman, and C. B. Seger, president of the concern, announced that all employes receiving less than $2000 would receive $200. About 7500 persons will benefit.

The Lincoln Trust Co., the Irving Trust Co. and the Merchants National bank each announced a 25 per cent bonus. Twenty per cent was announced by the Union Exchange bank and the Mercantile Trust Co.

In some institutions a bonus was given in addition to a general increase in salaries. Banking institutions, department stores and other commercial houses in Brooklyn, also are giving large bonuses to employes this year.

TO "DOCTOR" ALCOHOL

Men Planned To Color 150 Barrels and Sell It as Whiskey

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Three men, two of them dealers in grain alcohol, and the other a salesman of barbers' supplies, today were under technical arrest and the federal district attorney's office had started an investigation of several officials of the internal revenue department. It was charged the men sought to bribe deputy internal revenue collectors to permit them to color and flavor 150 barrels of alcohol and sell it as whiskey.

WAGE INCREASE

$5 a Week to 35,000 Garment Workers

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Wage increases averaging $5 weekly, have been granted the approximately 35,000 men's garment workers in Chicago, it became known today. About $2.50 was added to the production cost of a suit of clothes, employers estimated, although the union men claimed that the cost to the wearer should not be increased, inasmuch as the increases were figured into prices set last fall for next summer's clothes.

CASE DISCONTINUED

Charged with operating a motorcycle in a manner to endanger the lives and safety of the public, Joseph Regan, arraigned in police court several weeks ago in connection with an accident on Westford street in which John Rinehardt, a local fireman, was seriously injured, was called on continuance in police court today and the case against him again continued until January 14. The reason given for the continuance is that Rinehardt has not yet recovered from his injuries.

1920 POLITICAL POT STARTS BOILING

The National Republican committee held its quadrennial meeting in the red room of the Hotel Willard, at Washington, on December 10, and made the first organized political move of the 1920 presidential campaign by selecting Chicago as the meeting place of the republican convention to select a candidate for president.

ACCUSED OF MURDER

Mrs. James Blake, who reported last Friday that her son, "Buddy," had been kidnapped from her by two negroes, has been placed under arrest charged with the murder of the boy. The boy's body was washed ashore Sunday near Bentnor, N. J., and the authorities believe that Mrs. Blake, while temporarily insane over the separation from her husband, thinking that the death of "Buddy" might reconcile them, threw the boy from the end of the pier. The upper picture shows Mrs. Blake and the two lower, Blake and "Buddy."

THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS SANTA CLAUS TO 250,000 ARMENIAN ORPHANS

IRANEH ESTHER ARAXIE AZGAPETIAN

N. E. A. Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus has a new assistant this year. She is as pretty as her name is long and that you may judge how attractive she is, here is her name—Iraneh Esther Araxie Azgapetian.

She is only three years old, yet she is helping Santa Claus with one of the biggest jobs he has on his hands this year. She is his official representative in this country on behalf of the 250,000 Armenian orphans who have been left homeless and hungry in the war-swept countries of the near east.

"My name is as long as the tail of a cat," admits the little miss, "but I hope it is not too long for all the little American friends of Santa Claus effendi to remember."

She is the daughter of a brave Armenia general, who was in the Russian service. With her mother, Lady Anne Azgapetian, she has recently come to America to raise her tiny voice on behalf of the stricken Armenian people, more than a million of whom are destitute and dependent upon the services of the Near East Relief, 1 Madison avenue, New York, for food and shelter until the next harvest comes. Under the auspices of this organization, which was recently incorporated by act of congress, the little girl will visit every state in the Union between now and February to help raise the $34,000,000 which is necessary to help keep the Armenian race alive.

Although she has heard much of the American Christmas and Santa Claus, and although she is looking forward eagerly to seeing a real Christmas tree for the first time, she is subdued, at most times sad, thoughtful little lady whose childish prattle is given over to wondering queries regarding the fate of the other little girls and boys in her country who will not have any Christmas unless America quickly responds to their cries for help.

Nor is this to be wondered at, for she was born in a Russian army hospital under fire of Turkish guns, where her mother had been serving as an army nurse. Therefore Araxie, as she is called for short, never starts at unusual noises. Neither does she cry for sweets or toys. Her first three years of life spent among scenes of suffering, she presents the character of a stoic.

"She was a real Red Cross baby," says Lady Azgapetian, her mother and wife of General Mezrop Azgapetian. "She was decidedly red and very cross when she was born, but perhaps it was not to be wondered at. Few babies are born amidst shell and rifle fire, cold and hunger, and not be cross."

"As for my own ordeal, it was nothing. My husband and I had given up everything and after my baby was born amid battle and Bolshevism had disintegrated the Russian armies, we decided the only aid possible for our perishing country and people must come from America.

"We shall have a real American Christmas, for it would be too long to await Christmas in the Armenian calendar. And if my little baby, by her appeals, can bring aid more swiftly for our people in Armenia, and the thousands of orphans in particular, it will be a very happy Christmas for us."

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AMUSEMENT NOTES

Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come:

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The proverbial good cheer of Christmastide is being served on the bill at the B. F. Keith Theatre, this week. A well-balanced, most-likable combination of acts, headed by Homer Miles & Co., is the feast which everybody likes. Miles' act is not only well acted, but it is on a theme which finds almost universal appeal. "The Roughneck" is its title. The Lovenberg Sisters and Sime Neary in as novel a dancing act as one will see in a long time give a good touch of merriment, while Gardner and Hartman are swift conversationalists, and Tom McRae and Tom Aiken have an uncommonly good character turn. The animals for the kiddies, always one of the strongest features of a holiday show, are in evidence with Herbert's leaping canines, loop-the-loop dogs, pigeons, roosters and cats. Other acts on the bill are Evans & Wilson and LaToy Brothers.

OPERA HOUSE

Of the many interesting and genuinely satisfying characterizations given by Miss Marguerite Fields, leading woman with the Lowell Players at the Opera House, none has brought to the surface this young woman's rare attainments more forcibly than her treatment of the role of "Pollyanna" in this week's production. You must witness her work to thoroughly appreciate what a delightfully wholesome, human character she makes of it. John Meehan also treats his part with a sane and highly satisfactory consideration he invariably gives to the roles assigned him, while Miss Hilda Noonan, the Lowell girl, is particularly good as "Nancy." Order your tickets early. Tel. 251.

THE STRAND

Your last chance of seeing Alice Joyce in her wonderfully gripping story, "The Vengeance of Durand," is offered the patrons of The Strand today. This and H. B. Warner in "The Gray Wolf's Ghost," make up one of the strongest picture bills of the season. The usual comedy and Weekly are also shown.

Beginning tomorrow and continuing throughout the remainder of the week Mabel Normand, the delightful comedienne in "Jinx," and Gladys Brockwell in "Thieves," will be the features. Besides these there will be a new comedy and the latest Weekly. You shouldn't allow Christmas to pass without seeing these super-picture productions.

OWL THEATRE

Lowell wives who have any doubt as to the faithfulness of their husbands are urged to be on the alert for the next few days as it is a well known fact that many Lowell men have a date to see "A Regular Girl" which comes to the Owl theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when the popular Central street amusement house reopens. Elsie Janis is the star and she sure is a "regular girl." She is a member of the Red Cross and the American Legion and what is more she gave up her profitable Broadway theatrical career to go overseas and do her bit for the boys "over there." It is her first appearance on the screen.

On the same bill will be Frank Keenan in "Brothers Divided," Charlie Chaplin in "The Fireman," and the latest edition of Patho News. The fifth episode of "Lightning Bryce" will round out an exceptionally high class bill.

ZIANG SUN WAN

ORIENTAL MYSTERY

The mystery in the slaying of three members of the Chinese educational mission to this country in Washington, D. C., about a year ago, may be solved soon. Ziang Sun Wan, a Chinese student of New York, who visited the members of the mission in Washington, is now on trial charged with the murder.

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CHRISTMAS

Tomorrow will be Christmas, the anniversary of the Nativity or the miraculous birth of Christ, among all Christians the most joyous feast in the entire calendar.

There is a tradition that man, in the beginning, was created perfect in soul and in body; that his abode was a garden of delights; that he communed with angels and spoke face to face with God himself. He was, moreover, never to die, but was, after a time, to be taken up bodily into the regions of celestial bliss. But this state of terrestrial happiness with corporeal immortality was conditional. Man was given dominion over the inferior order of creation; but he, in turn, was to recognize God as his Lord. Adam, the progenitor of the human race, was given a certain command which he disobeyed. Because of his disobedience, he was despoiled of God's favor, driven out of paradise, degraded to the level of his human nature, made subject to sickness and death, and compelled to earn his bread in the sweat of his brow.

But in his fall, man was promised a Redeemer who would make full atonement to the offended majesty of the omnipotent God. The gates of heaven, we are told, were closed against mankind until the death of Christ on the cross restored man to God's favor though not to the state of terrestrial happiness enjoyed in paradise.

The coming of the Redeemer, therefore, nearly 2000 years ago, marked the beginning of a new era in which the gospel of Christianity was given to all men for their guidance in accordance to the Divine will.

Thus the coming of the Redeemer is properly an event celebrated with the greatest joy, as it brought a new light to a world of darkness and renewed the promises of life everlasting to those who obey the Divine commands, but imposing upon all men not only the obligation to love and serve God, but also to love one another.

Christianity has lifted humanity above the depravity of paganism and if, in any part of the world, conditions rivaling those of pagan days still exist, it is not the fault of Christianity, but because its teachings and its principles are ignored. One of the greatest inspirations of all ages is the heroism with which men and women, even in this commercial age, devote their lives to the service of the Master in an effort to bring all races and all nations under the banner of the Redeemer.

When the world war was ravaging the nations of Europe and men were being mowed down like wheat before the scythe, there were doubting souls who said that Christianity was a failure! But the war, in its inception, was based upon sordid greed, the lust of power, upon envy and hatred among the rulers of nations, and upon the desire to avenge old grievances—all of which is contrary to the gospel of love and charity laid down by Christ when he commanded men to love one another and to return good for evil.

Now that the war is over and the various nations examine the causes that led to it, they very generally agree that these causes were wholly antagonistic to Christianity and that what the world needs most of all at the present time, as a preventive of war and a guarantee of justice and universal peace among the nations, is the application of Christian principles instead of the cut-throat policy of some nations said to be civilized, but which continue to oppress subject races for imperial aggrandizement.

At this Christmastide, the people of the United States have reason to thank God that they are not in the state of misery in which some European nations are now struggling for existence, as a result of the ravages of war. Lack of fuel and lack of food threaten death to millions in central Europe. As a Christian nation we should endeavor to aid them, as by so doing we shall be exercising that spirit of charity which is one of the fundamental Christian virtues.

Even at home, in our own city, or wherever we go, we shall find many appeals to charity to which each and all should respond according to their means. It is by carrying out this principle of love and charity that we shall most fittingly celebrate the great feast of the Nativity, and in so doing we can, with true religious spirit, exclaim:

Hail! the glorious Christmas morn
For all mankind a Savior's born;
Hail! the bright celestial star
That leads the wise men from afar
To Bethlehem to hail their king,
Whose lowly birth the angels sing,
And as their anthems swell the air
Shall we not humbly breathe this prayer?—
Be Thou O Lord the light divine
Upon our path in life to shine,
So lead us onward by thy love
Unto Thy realms of bliss above.

THE HOME RULE BILL

Now that the definite plan for Irish home rule has been given to the world by the British prime minister, it is in order to discuss its various bearings. In the first place, it has a fatal defect in dividing Ireland on sectional lines, offering one legislature to Ulster and another to the three remaining provinces. It is evidently the kind of measure that has been favored by Mr. Carson and it would place under his control the entire nine counties of Ulster, whereas the faction of which he is the head has a majority only in three counties, namely, Antrim, Down and Londonderry.

The division of the country on such lines would tend to perpetuate the differences that already have assumed a rather serious aspect, although they might easily be overcome in a united parliament for the entire country.

Premier Lloyd George states that England would fight secession as strongly as the north fought the south in our Civil war. And so it may be expected will the Irish people fight the partition of their island on religious lines, something which has no justification whatever, except it serves the purpose of England to keep the people divided in order more easily to hold them in subjection.

President De Valera of the Irish republic, states that the measure is offered as a trick by which to divert the Irish people from the main object of their demand, which is "a free Ireland."

It will be noticed that the central parliament, or council, which the two provincial parliaments would be empowered to establish, would depend entirely upon the willingness of Ulster to unite with the southern legislature for that purpose. It would be difficult to convince the Irish people that they would be safe in accepting any measure the success of which would ultimately depend upon the good will or the discretion of Sir Edward Carson or his followers. No central council can be formed unless both the subordinate parliaments agreed upon the plan and all the necessary details. It may be assumed in advance, that Mr. Carson would not agree to co-operate with the people whom he has denounced repeatedly as enemies, for no other reason than that they are not in accord with his religious views.

They are opposed, however, to maintaining any religious strife or accepting any measure that is likely to have that result. They have too much respect for such illustrious names as those of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Henry Grattan, William Smith O'Brien, John Mitchell, Isaac Butt and Charles Stuart Parnell, to be led into any religious conflict in their struggle for freedom.

The friends of the Irish republic may be relied upon to reject any measure calculated to perpetuate factional strife since their aim is to stamp out everything of that kind and unite all creeds under one flag with one end in view—and that to build up a free, prosperous and contented Irish nation.

CHARTER CHANGES

It is reported that several bills will be introduced in the legislature next January, providing for changes in the present city charter. One of these, it is alleged, will be for an increase in salary for the mayor and commissioners. If any change is to be made in the charter, the old or present instrument should be thrown aside and an entirely new charter adopted. The Plan B charter was defeated in a referendum vote at the state election, on the promise that an amended form of this charter would be introduced this year, so as to be enacted and submitted to the people next November. To do anything else will be a breach of faith with the public.

At the present time, the board of trade is planning for a "special commission to take charge of street work. With a change of charter, there will be a commission on streets and sewers that would be fully competent to conduct such a project as the board has proposed. It is futile to expect that men taken from various lines of business, without any special training for municipal work, can conduct any of the city departments as successfully as would men specially trained for the business. We elect, year after year, men for one or other of the city departments who have had no experience whatever in managing large affairs. Would it not be better, as provided for under the amended form of Plan B, to have the work of each department in charge of a competent superintendent, who would not be interfered with by any inexperienced official and who would be held responsible for results? The present arrangement is unbusinesslike and can never be successful. Just as soon as a commissioner has acquired a little experience in some of the city departments, the voters find it necessary to put somebody else in his place and thus the city is always handicapped by placing inexperienced men in charge of its affairs.

Give us the new charter as provided for under the amended Plan B, and the members of the municipal council will attend to matters of legislation, or the issuance of orders for work to be done and the superintendents of the different departments, all trained and competent men, will execute these orders and produce the desired results.

It is the system that is wrong at city hall and that is what we should change at the earliest possible moment. No patchwork or tinkering of the present charter will have the desired effect. The commission charter should be abandoned to give place to one providing for ward representation, with a board of 15 members and a mayor, vested with sufficient executive authority to enable him to keep things right.

TREATY COMPROMISE

Indications point to a compromise under which the peace treaty may be ratified with reservations, in the near future. It is now announced that President Wilson is willing to accept any reservation which will not destroy the covenant. The fight will come principally upon article 10, the purpose of which is to put force behind the league as the means of preventing war.

It is presumed that with this provision in the covenant, no power would hastily precipitate war, if it felt that by so doing, it would have the united powers of the world arrayed against it. The claim is made in behalf of the league that an economic boycott would serve in most cases to bring a refractory power to terms. Inasmuch as such a boycott would entail loss of trade with other nations and mean, in most cases, final starvation, the effect of such opposition would be almost as menacing as that of an overwhelming army.

President Wilson is willing to accept the reservation placing in the hands of congress the decision as to whether this country should use its military forces in any particular case under article X of the league. With such a reservation, article X would lose its terrors so far as the United States is concerned. Whether the allies would be willing to accept this reservation remains to be seen, although the fact that the president is ready to endorse it indicates the probability that the allies would not object to it.

It appears that strong pressure is being brought upon the senators to ratify the treaty in some form early in January, so that the "wets" may have an opportunity to dispose of part of their stock before the time set for the inauguration of constitutional prohibition.

SUPREMACY OF LAW

Every true American in this republic will stand by Judge Anderson of the federal court at Indianapolis, when he makes this significant declaration:

"Either I have to vindicate the law or abdicate in favor of Mr. Howat."

Alexander Howat is president of the Kansas district branch of the United Mine Workers of America and there is ample evidence to show that, as Judge Anderson put it, he "breathed defiance of law" in violating the injunction of the court. Judge Anderson has undertaken, as he says, "to show Howat that there is a government in this country."

Behind the court as represented by this judge, should stand the full strength of the American army and every friend of American freedom which is here threatened by the miners of Kansas who have struck as the first step towards forcing the courts to surrender in the Howat case.

Howat, it is now reported, has surrendered and agreed to comply with the court's order in joining the other union officials in demanding that the strike of the Kansas miners be promptly ended. So much the better for Howat.

Attorney General Palmer is authority for the statement that retail prices of food staples will take a tumble between January 1 and March 1. It is hoped that Mr. Palmer knows whereof he speaks, although his reputation as a prophet has been rather discredited by several other predictions which were not verified.

Nobody will criticise the action of the municipal council in electing William A. Arnold, a well known veteran of the Civil war, to succeed the late George E. Worthen as superintendent of state aid. The place should be filled by a veteran and when the time comes for another change, the vacancy may probably be filled by a veteran of the world war.

SEEN AND HEARD

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chicago man sues his wife for divorce, alleging that she threw his nice, old pipe out of the fourth-floor window, after he had spent three years coloring it.

With the country dry, George Egan had no use for his money, says a despatch from Chicago. A traffic policeman caught him feeding $10 bills to a horse.

Miss Sally Elderly is all enthused about 1920, since she found it possible to divide that figure by four and get it to come out with a leapyearish hue.

"I can't drink your health this Christmas
With either Bourbon or Rye,
For I'm living the life of a camel
In a state that has gone bone dry."

Three "cheers for you
And a tiger too,
And of joy so great a share
You'll have to say
When it's gone its way
"This Christmas was a bear!"

The New York board of education has a cat on the payroll. The cat's name is "Robert," and as such draws $6.50 a year for maintenance. Robert's job is to keep rats from using the bookshelves for dwelling places.

Dr. Pilsan Powders, who thinks it is all right for him to charge $50 to do a 30-minute job of surgery, expresses the opinion that this country will go to the bow-wows if workingmen ever are paid $5 for a six-hour day.

Had Happy Death

Two mice, highly hilarious, staggered about on the velvet rug in the office of Thomas Holt, dairy and food commissioner, at the state capitol, Hartford, Conn., then turned up their toes and died. Holt, who had confiscated some "brandy candy drops," believes the mice nibbled at 'em too freely. It is an excellent way of ridding a place of mice, but why waste brandy on a mouse when a trap will do as well?

Fast Worker

"When you threw yourself on the mercy of the court, did the judge show that he had a kind heart?"

"He didn't reveal much of anything," replied the motorist, "except a most unseemly haste to be gone. He must have had a golf game or something of that sort on hand. The celerity with which he fined me $50 and adjourned court took my breath away, along with the $50.

Ruffled

"When I asked Glippers if that was a garage he was having built in the rear of his mansion, he gave me a look of mingled pity and contempt."

"I don't wonder at that. When a man is up to date enough to erect a hangar and purchase two airplanes it naturally makes him peevish for anybody to insinuate that he hasn't progressed any further along than a garage."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Power to See

If you think you are too big for your job—move out.

If you believe you are not appreciated—move out.

If you don't respect your employer—move out.

If you can't co-operate with your associates—move out.

If you don't believe in the plans and purposes of the business you are in—move out.

If all these thoughts or any one of them has a place in your think cells, hunt a new job without further delay.

You are doing yourself a rank injustice, and you have long since failed to be worth your pay where you are.

Move right along and keep moving until you find a job, the employer, to whom you can give absolute loyalty of thought and actions.

And it may be that change of scene and air will bring you a clearer vision, the power to see yourself as others see you.—The Silent Partner.

The Weather-Man

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Run up the flag in the public square.
Bring out the band and let her whizz!
For the Weather-man prophesied "Bright and fair."
And it is! it is! it is! it is!!!
Let us not ask in a doubting voice,
"Why should the day be fair and bright?"
Let us not question; let's rejoice!
Let's applaud his taste and praise his choice.
When the Weather-man hits it right.

Just how it happened nobody knows,
But let us not say it is only chance.
And because he foretold no rains nor snows,
Do not say it is mere romance.
Nay, when a prophet has proved his case,
Let me not cast the smallest slight;
Let me pledge my faith with a shining face,
Let me bow before his exalted place,
When the Weather-man hits it right.

O, anything now may come to pass;
Thomas the Doubter holds his peace.
Now shall the lions live on grass
And the wars of nations cease.
Now shall the profiteer repent
And the blind be given sight,
Now shall the landlord scorn his rent,
And now shall sugar again be lent,
Since the Weather-man hits it right!

—EDMUND VANCE COOKE.

MINOR LICENSES GRANTED

The following minor licenses were granted by the license commission at its regular meeting last evening: Lodging house, Manoag Payelian, 57 Lawrence street; Georgiana Bolsveri, 13 Bradford; Anna J. Culver, 33 Lawrence; Garabed Mannogian, 312 Market; Toras Torigian, 33 Tyler. To sell ice cream on the Lord's day, H. H. Hood, 388 Gorham street. Express, George H. Gennell, 13 Watson street. Coffee house, Koumbouras and Pappas, 391 Market street; Agelopoulos and Georgeopoulos, 445 Market street; Damas and Dimitrakopoulos, 429 Market street, and Costas Stergion, 81 Dummer street. Common victualler, Fred Browne, 770 Gorham street, and billiards and pool, Victor Levesque, 483 Market street.

The following were surrendered and cancelled: Coffee houses, Daniel Apostolos & Co., 483 Market street; T. Chilikas, 429 Market street; Georges Kletsenekos, 445 Market street, and Christos Fillios, 81 Dummer street.

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Manchester East, N.H.

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They are always sold in boxes of fifty pills, 50 cents box, 6 boxes for $2.50 See that the name of the "France American Chemical Company Limited" is on every box. 34

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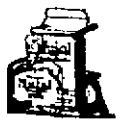

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Putnam & Son Co.

166 CENTRAL STREET

MAN ABOUT TOWN

The drawing of names from the jury box is usually one of the most solemn features of a municipal council meeting, but at Tuesday's meeting of the council the wonted solemnity was broken a bit when Commissioner Morse was drawing the names of the 12 men who are to serve as traverse jurors at the January session of superior court in Cambridge. The commissioner had drawn four or five names and had read them off and turned the slips of papers over to Mayor Thompson, as is the usual procedure, and just as he was about to pick out another name the mayor said: "What have you got up your sleeve, commissioner?" The latter thought the mayor was joking and replied "Nothing." "Yes, you have," came back the mayor, pointing to the right sleeve of the commissioner's coat. Mr. Morse shook his arm and sure enough, one of the little "bullets," as the rolls of papers are called, came bouncing down on the table. "Well, I was never accused before of being a magician," said the commissioner. It seems that when he plunged his hand into the jury box one of the rolls of paper got caught in his sleeve and remained there until the mayor "spotted" it. A big laugh went up when it fell from the commissioner's coat sleeve.

DEATH IN CANADA OF FR. PORTELANCE

The many Lowell friends of Ro Fr. Portelance, O.M.I., a missionar who on various occasions preach missions at St. Jean Baptist and St. Joseph's churches, wi be grieved to learn of h his death, which occurred Saturday a Lachine, Que., after a brief illnes Deceased was taken ill in the earl part of the month at which time h was taken to St. Joseph's hospita Lachine, where he failed to rally t treatment. The body was removed t the mother house at Lasalle, Que where burial will take place.

AT THE FAITH HOME

Gifts of all descriptions were re ceived at the Faith Home for Childre in Westford street yesterday, the oc casion being donation day. Contribu tions were received from the Eliot un ion, All Souls and Calvary Baptis churches and the Sam Walter Fos Literary and Educational clubs, whil ice cream was given by Mrs. D. L Page and cake by Mrs. William F Morse and Mrs. Royal K. Dexter The affair was a most happy one fo the attendants and inmates.

BRYS

Mrs. Bert Roberts and Mrs. John Conroy are spending Christmas wit their mother, Mrs. W. J. Perry i Rockland, Me.

Safe Milk for INFANTS and INVALIDS

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Avoid Imitations and Substitutes

For Infants, Invalids and Growing Children
The Original Food-Drink for All Ages

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WE THANK YOU

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Again comes the happy time of the year when we can extend to our friends the Season's Best Wishes.

May this Christmas be the happiest you have ever known.

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We Extend to One and All Our Very Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

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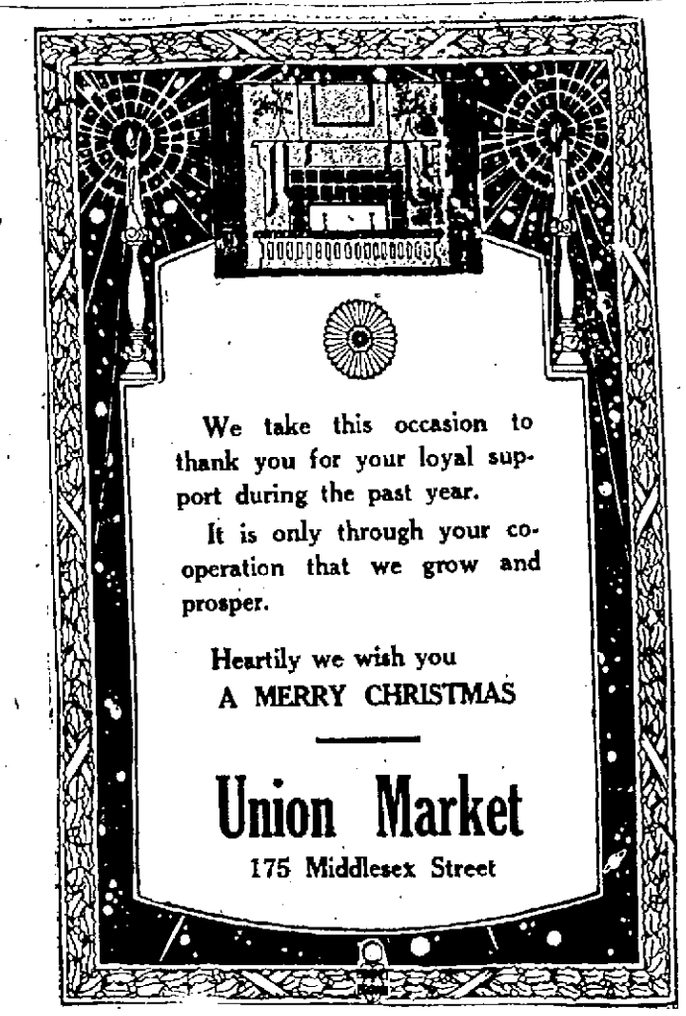

We take this occasion to thank you for your loyal support during the past year.

It is only through your co-operation that we grow and prosper.

Heartily we wish you
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Union Market
175 Middlesex Street

Christmas Greetings

Our Wish to You

Is that you may enjoy a good old fashioned Christmas in a good old fashioned way and that every day of the New Year may be happier than the one before.

Millard F. Wood
JEWELER
104 Merrimack St.

SEASONS GREETINGS

To the Music Lovers of Lowell

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

M. STEINERT & SONS
130 Merrimack St.

Christmas Greetings

May all the best Joys of Christmas be yours, and may the New Year be full to overflowing with the world's good things.

Your patronage has helped us to help you during the past year. We hope to be of further good service to all.

Cherry & Webb
12-18 John St.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Never the Christmas morning,
Never the old year ends,
But somebody thinks of somebody,
Old days, old times, old friends.

WARDELL'S
Established 25 Years
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Merry Christmas

The Season's Greetings

GOOD CHEER
GOOD FRIENDS
GOOD LUCK
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

Prince's
108 Merrimack Street

We may not have lived up to your expectations because we could not control the sugar supply, but we have done our best to make this

A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR YOU

With thanks and best wishes we remain,

Yours to serve

D. L. Page Co.
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It Is a Pleasure

For this concern to express its appreciation to everybody in such a way that when we say

"Merry Christmas"

You will feel that we really mean it.

Hobson & Lawler Co.
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Just an expression of our hearty appreciation and a sincere wish that your Christmas may be a happy one.

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MERRIMACK SQ. C. H. Willis

Merry Christmas

GOOD WISHES TO ALL

For good health, good friends, a whole year of happy days, and a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Edward W. Freeman
DIAMONDS
39 Bridge St.

MASSACRE IN INDIA

Lawyer Declares 30,000 Were in Crowd Fired On by British Troops

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Statements in official quarters that 500 persons were killed and 1500 wounded in the tragedy at Amritsar, India, last April, underestimated the casualties greatly, according to the narrative of an Indian lawyer, Said F. Hassan, printed by the Pall Mall Gazette yesterday.

Describing the scenes of the tragedy, which he says were witnessed by relatives of his, the lawyer, a native of Amritsar, says:

"People had gathered from all over the Punjab for a religious ceremony which was being held in the 'Gallionwalabagh,' where a dias had been erected upon which several hundred speakers stood, surrounded by a gathering of 20,000 or 30,000 persons. The military appeared and opened fire without warning.

"Soldiers stood on the high ground and fired on the helpless, unarmed gathering from a distance of a hundred yards. Many tumbled over ridges and were trampled to death. Others fell into an open well nearby. I am sure that Gen. Dyer's admission of 500 killed and 1500 wounded is much below the actual casualites.

"For two days frantic men whose relatives or friends were missing rummaged that open graveyard among the heaps of dead and dying, in the hope of finding their loved ones."

The lawyer believes the trouble arose through the previous arrest of two native leaders, against which the populace had protested in an orderly manner, he said.

M'CALL DECLINES GOV. COOLIDGE'S OFFER

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Former Governor Samuel W. McCall declined yesterday the position offered him by Governor Coolidge as judge of probate of Middlesex county. In a letter to the governor he said:

"Acceptance of the offer would impose distinct limitations in a very critical time upon my right to give that political counsel which a somewhat long experience would make it, I trust, not wholly presumptuous for me to offer. It would involve the sacrifice of my freedom to render on occasion that service I am best fitted to render unless, indeed, I should offend against the cherished traditions of our bench, the impartiality and independence of which our constitution so wisely safeguards."

OCCUPATION OF FIUME

Second Plebiscite in Favor of Italian Government's Proposals

ROME, Dec. 24.—In consequence of doubts regarding the first plebiscite at Fiume, another was taken on Sunday which resulted in 75 per cent of the votes being cast in favor of the Italian government's proposals relative to the future occupation of the city, according to the Giornale d'Italia. Major Giuriati, chief of Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio's cabinet is reported to have resigned.

Newspapers state the basis of agreement was as follows:

"The Italian government will keep in its possession the whole of the armistice line reaffirming the right of Fiume to decide its own fate. Note is taken of the wishes of Fiume, as expressed October 30, 1918, and reaffirmed Oct. 30, 1919, and it is declared Italy will never accept any other solution. Fiume will receive financial assistance so that it may be able to re-establish its life and to resume its activities under the regime of a free port.

During the transitorial period, it is said, the Italian government will not exercise its sovereign rights over Fiume, the independence of which shall in no way be diminished or violated. The government will not accept any solution tending to separate Fiume and the surrounding territory from the mother country and meanwhile will occupy and guarantee the integrity of Fiume and its territory with regular troops which will be exclusively of Italian nationality. The rights of the local militia which the city of Fiume has established will be respected.

DISCUSSED MILK QUESTION

A conference between representatives of the New England Milk Producers' association and the Lowell Milk Retailers' association was held at the Harrisonia hotel last evening. Carl A. Smith, northern district manager of the Milk Producers' association was present and answered many questions relative to business matters to be transacted during the year, while the price of milk was discussed. Prior to the conference a luncheon was served.

Colds can be avoided

FOLKS whose bodies are kept well nourished, whose blood is enriched do not "catch cold."

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10 YEAR TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION

France's Steel and Iron Industry Cut in Half by War's Ravages

Engineering Experts Give A. P. Man Idea of Big Problem Confronting Them

VALENCIENNES, France, Dec. 21 (By Associated Press).—France's steel and iron industry, virtually cut in half by war's ravages, is faced by what engineers estimate to be an eight by ten-year task of reconstruction. Details of the problem were related today to the correspondent of the Associated Press, who is visiting the devastated regions of France, by special government dispensation.

Engineering experts, however, say the country's steel and iron production may be increased materially by the mineral mining and metal treating plants of Lorraine, returned to France under the terms of the Versailles treaty. The seriousness of the loss to the industry by war, nevertheless, is heightened by the great necessity for metal construction throughout liberated districts and the dependence of nearly 150,000 inhabitants of these regions on the blast furnaces and metal mills for a livelihood.

In Valenciennes, Denain, Trist, St. Leger, Fresnes, Anzin and other towns of this district, the destruction suffered as a result of the conflict is estimated at 98 per cent, including the obliteration of the Denain and Anzin works which were the most important in France.

Of the more than 500 small metal treating and metal construction plants of the devastated region, government reports show 47 per cent have resumed work, but with only 14 per cent of the pre-war force. This does not include the large plants which alone are said to be capable of meeting the country's chief needs in the way of structural material and important machinery taken away or destroyed during the war.

No note of pessimism is intended. It is said by engineers who forecast an eight to ten-year period of reconstruction before the nation can regain her former place in the iron and steel industry.

It is asserted, however, that progress will be certain and steady with teh attainment of half production within five years.

At present many of the smaller plants are said to be devoting their output to the most needy fields. In some instances several small concerns have combined their equipment, inadequate for seperate operation, and have thereby created a group of little mills and shops capable of rapid action and able to help in some measure in supplying the crying needs for machinery of all sorts.

Some of the bigger companies are said to be acting deliberately because of the high prices demanded for the equipment necessary for their plants. The unfavorable rate of exchange also, it is stated, has added to this disposition to hesitate, together with the hope that prices will come down within two or three years.

Housing problems at the plants are demanding the attention of the owners and promoters because in most cases the mills are located in small towns where the buildings were wiped out during the war.

CHRISTMAS IN THIS AND OTHER LANDS

Christmas celebration in many lands was depicted in tableau form by girls of the International Institute at the Girls' Community Service club last evening and the program presented was most interesting. Foreign girls in native dress faithfully portrayed the Christmas rites and spirit of the countries across the water. The program ran as follows:

Overture
Portuguese Orchestra
Polish Carols
Polish Girls in Costume
Play, Why the Chimes Rang
Institute Club Girls
Act 1—Interior of peasant's cottage
Act 2—In the woods
Act 3—In the beautiful church
Dance
Manuel Dias
Tableau, Shepherds Watching Their Flock
Greek Girls
Greek Christmas Carols
Tableau, Three Kings Following Star
Polish Women
Polish Christmas Carols
Tableau, Manger Scene
Portuguese Women
Portuguese Christmas Carols
Tableau, People Worshipping Child
All Nationalities
English Christmas Carols
American Girls
General Dancing, Portuguese Orchestra

The entertainment was in charge of Miss Helen Hutton of the institute and Miss Georgia Sharpe, recreational director. The musical program was directed by Paul Correia, leader of the Portuguese orchestra.

VERY SUBSTANTIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

(Special to The Sun.)

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 24.—Savings bank life insurance certificates, some providing benefits as high as $2500, were today dropped into the Christmas stockings of 3000 working men and women in this state.

The certificates are the result of a state insurance system whereby the employers join with the employes in paying the premiums on policies which are taken out by shop groups of the employes or whereby the employers agree to stand all the expense of the undertaking.

The Forbes Lithograph company of Chelsea played Santa Claus to 1100 employes when they gave them certificates ranging from $500 to $1500, the amount of the benefit being determined by the term of employment. This was the first venture of this company in this form of insurance.

In addition to a Christmas bonus, the 100 employes of the Chandler & Farquhar company of Boston, dealers in mechanics' tools and supplies, were today informed that the company has decided to increase the maximum benefit under their savings bank life insurance to $2500. The former maximum was $1000.

The Arnold Print Works of North Adams announced to 1200 employes that the maximum was increased from $500 to $1000.

White & Wyckoff, paper manufacturers of Holyoke, is the third company which gave the gifts in the form of increased benefits under the system of savings bank life insurance. This firm gives increased benefits to 370 employes. It employs about 600 persons.

In its notice to its employes the Forbes company said: "We trust that this insurance will add a sense of protection and comfort to you and your families. It goes to you as an expression of good will at this Christmas time with the hope that your association with this company may continue with mutual benefit and satisfaction."

Christmas exercises were held at noon at the plant of the Chandler company. President Chandler distributed the Christmas bonuses and new insurance certificates. Edwin R. Hurst, state actuary, spoke to the employes of the benefit of this form of insurance.

"It is significant," he said, "as demonstrating the value of this insurance that three companies having had experience with it have decided to increase the maximum benefits."

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THRIFT AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Because of a misunderstanding on the part of some people to the effect that Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps are redeemable when detached from the official Thrift card or War Savings certificate issued to contain these securities, Mrs. Francis L. Higginson, director of the savings division, first federal reserve district, is sending out information calling attention to the government ruling which states that neither Thrift Stamps nor War Savings Stamps are cashable unless they are affixed to the official cards issued by the government for this purpose.

Information which has reached the headquarters of the savings division shows that some people have attempted to cash either their Thrift Stamps or War Savings Stamps when not attached to cards. When refused payment they have been rather at sea as to why they should be refused. Mrs. Higginson points out that all the people will be sure that these securities are affixed to the cards issued by the United States government only, it will not only save trouble for themselves, but will also make things easier for the postal officials.

PLAN OPEN HOUSE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

An open house and all it implies in the way of fun and merriment will be observed at the Lowell Community club in Dutton street on New Year's day if the plans launched last night by the club rotating committee bear fruit. The house committee has been given full authority to go as far as it likes in the preparation of a program and to make the event appear in the form of an official opening as an activity of Lowell Community Service.

The rotating committeemen also decided last evening to sell memberships at the club for any sub-divisions of a year—one day, one week, one month, three months, six months, nine months—but to limit such sale to within the club only. The committee members will still be restricted to the campaign of selling yearly memberships. Twenty-five cents will give membership for a week, one day being free, while a month's card may be taken out for 50 cents. Three months will cost $1.25, six months $2.25, nine months $3.25, and one year $4.

The new bowling alleys will be unofficially christened next Monday, but the ten-strike will be reserved until New Year's day. The public will be welcome on that day, just as many as may crowd in, and the club promises something worth while to start the new year aright. Miss Nellie Blaisdell and her corps of former War Camp entertainers will have a prominent position on the musical program.

INCREASE IN RETAIL PRICE OF COAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Coal consumers today were in receipt of announcements from several fuel companies notifying them of an increase in the retail price of between 30 and 35 cents a ton on all coal mined since settlement of the recent bituminous miners' strike to make up for the 14 per cent. wage increase the workers gained.

"This does not mean no coal will be sold at the government price," one dealer said, "but the Garfield order is not retroactive on contracts executed before it was issued and all contracts contain a clause providing for the passing along of any increase in mining costs. Those who have not contracts for coal will get it at the government price.

"However, most operators have their entire output sold under contract, so the price increase will be pretty general."

CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES

Christmas tree exercises will be held tomorrow evening at the Chelmsford Street Baptist church, commencing at 6.30. Santa Claus himself will be present and the young people will give a musical program, entitled "A Jolly Joke on Santa Claus."

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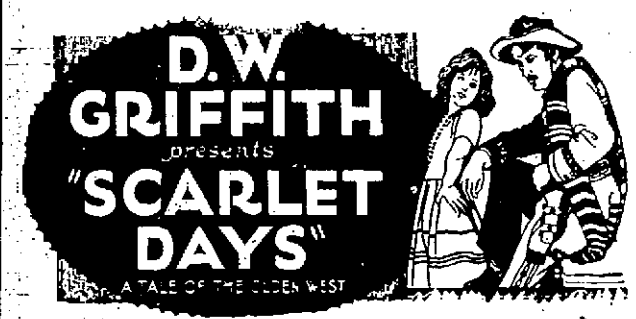

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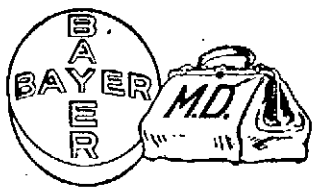

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LAST TIME TODAY

ALICE JOYCE In "THE VENGEANCE OF DURAND" (7 Acts)

H. B. WARNER In "THE GRAY WOLF'S GHOST" (6 Acts)

Tomorrow: MABEL NORMAND in "JINX" GLADYS BROCKWELL in "THIEVES"

CHRISTMAS IS THE CHILDREN'S DAY

THIS HAPPY DAY, whose risen sun
Shall set not through eternity,
This holy day when Christ, the Lord,
Took on Him our humanity.

FOR LITTLE CHILDREN everywhere
A joyous season still we make;
We bring our precious gifts to them,
E'en for the dear child Jesus' sake.

IF WE SHALL make Thy natal day
A season of delight to these,
A season always crowded full
Of sweet and pleasant memories.

WILT THOU not grant us to forget
Awhile our weight of care and pain,
And in their joys bring back our joy
Of early innocence again?

(From a poem entitled "Christmas," by Phoebe Cary, 1824-1871.)

THEATRE MEN PROTEST

Lively Discussion Marks Hearing Before License Commission Last Night

Local theatre managers appeared before the license commission at the latter's request last evening to discuss the probability of increased license fees in 1920 and the intended dispassionate hearing developed into a lively exchange of barbed remarks before Chairman Hanson called a halt at the end of 45 minutes of heated discussion.

Commissioner McGrath drove in the opening wedge when he declared that several local theatres are not paying the city a cent in taxes for the amusement they provide, in as much as the theatre companies are separate corporations from their building proprietors and that the city, therefore, collects only in taxes for the buildings and property, while the theatrical men pay amusement taxes to the state on the basis of $16. "The theatre men do not pay a cent to the city," said the commissioner, "and are in the same category as the itinerant vendor or the travelling circus proprietor who holds a state license."

Led by Walter Nelson of the Merrimack Square theatre and Benjamin Pickett of Keith's, the theatre men registered a strenuous protest against any intimation that the license fee next year should be increased, saying that the present fee of $100 maximum is higher than in many other cities in the commonwealth and equal to the fee demanded in Lawrence.

Commissioner Putnam mentioned $150 as a possible fee, although no definite action was taken on the question, the board preferring to take the matter under advisement.

In amplifying his statements relative to the present procedure of tax paying by the theatre men, Commissioner McGrath cited the B. F. Keith business. He said the Paul Keith estate is a separate corporation from the B. F. Keith Theatre Co. and the latter company is taxable only to the state. The estate is assessed by the city only for the theatre building. The Merrimack Square Theatre Co. is a similar case, he said, having rented the theatre from a man who is assessed for the building property alone. He also mentioned the Strand Theatre Co., as a parallel case.

The theatre men retaliated further by saying they believed the present license fee plenty high enough and that the $10 Sunday tax should be enough to cover any increase the board saw fit to make.

Commissioner Putnam said that inasmuch as everything else had increased in price at least 100 per cent, he believed it only just that the theatres should be taxed more than at present.

Manager Pickett of Keith's said in opposition to an increased fee, that a big tax already is being paid to the city on the buildings and in his opinion, it is sufficient.

Chairman Hanson brought the discussion to a close and the matter was taken under advisement. It will possibly come up again in the form of an announcement at the meeting next Tuesday night.

After the hearing, the board turned to routine matters and granted the following minor licenses:

Lodging house, Manoag Payelian, 57 Lawrence street; Georgianna Boisvert, 13 Bradford street; Anna J. Culver, 33 Lawrence street; Garabed Mannogian, 313 Market street; Toras Torigian, 33 Tyler street. To sell ice cream on the Lord's day, H. H. Hood, 388 Gorham street. Express, George H. Gennell, 13 Watson street. Coffee house, Koumbouras and Pappas, 391 Market street; Agelopoulos and Georgopoulos, 415 Market street; Damas and Dimitrakopoulos, 429 Market street, and Costas Sterglon, 81 Dummer street. Common victualler, Fred Browne, 770 Gorham street and billiards and pool, Victor Levesque, 483 Market st.

The following were surrendered and cancelled: Coffee houses, Daniel Apostolos & Co., 453 Market street; T. Chilikas, 429 Market street, Georges Kleisenekos, 445 Market street and Christos Fillios, 81 Dummer street.

JAPAN'S ENVOY OBJECTS

Protests to Supreme Council Form of Mandates For Former German Colonies

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Japan's representative in the supreme council has objected to the form of the mandates under which the former German colonies in the Pacific would be administered. Time has been asked to refer the question to the Tokio government. Meanwhile, the council holds the adoption of the mandates in abeyance.

The question of mandates was taken up today by the council, which considered the drafts that had been prepared and adopted, two of these which give mandates in Africa to Great Britain and Belgium. Final action on five others was postponed on request of the Japanese delegate, Barin Matsui.

The mandates considered had been prepared by the mandate commission in London. They were in three series, denominated Type A, Type B and Type C. The two mandates adopted come under Type B, providing for administration under the regime of the League of Nations, the Type A mandates apply to the Orient and the Type C to the Pacific colonies. It was the last named type of mandate that developed the objections upon the part of Baron Matsui.

The Japanese delegate found that the mandates for the Pacific colonies gave Japan less advantages than she enjoyed in those colonies under the German rule, it was stated. Three of the four voting delegates in the council approved the drafts, but Baron Matsui reserved the approbation of Japan and asked for time to refer the question to his government.

The details to which the Japanese representative objected were not disclosed, but it is assured here that the question of the migration of Jananese to colonies which would come under the mandate of Australia was involved, as well as the economic advantages the Japanese formerly enjoyed under the most favored nation clause.

THREE MEN AND TWO BOYS DROWNED

STRAFFORD, N. H., Dec. 24.—Three men were drowned in 80 feet of water last night when Harold Whitcher, a haypresser of Strafford, attempted to cross the ice on Bow Lake in an automobile. The men who were drowned were Clarence Emerson, Walter Davis and Edgar Huckins.

The men accompanied Whitcher to a farmhouse early yesterday morning to spend the day pressing hay. The ice on Bow Lake looked firm and hard, and so the party motored across the lake for a short cut. After the day's work was done the four men started on their return journey. Apparently the ice had melted somewhat during the day, but it still appeared solid enough to bear the automobile and Whitcher started driving the machine back across the lake.

When at the deepest part of the lake the ice suddenly began to crack and the automobile was thrown into the ice-cold water. The three men with Whitcher were drowned, but Whitcher clung to the car, which did not sink, and was rescued some time later when his cries for help were heard.

The drowned men were all middle-aged. Huckins leaves a family and Emerson is survived by his mother. It is feared that it will be impossible to recover the bodies as the water at the place where they were drowned is so deep.

Small Brothers Drown

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24.—Donald McLaughlin, aged 9 years, was vainly endeavoring to assist his brother, Clifford, aged 7, to safety, when both broke through the ice on Back Bay and were drowned. The younger lad's body was recovered by Charles Barlol and Frank Colley, who dragged the spot as soon as a boat and grappling irons could be procured, while Lowell, another brother, aged 15, assisted a crew similarly engaged in another boat.

Both little fellows, accompanied by Howard Matheson and Raymond Johnson of similar age, had started from Bay Side Park to cross the bay on the ice, seeking Christmas trees in East Deering thickets. They crossed the ship channel in safety but fell through when an air hole opened without warning. Neither the Johnson nor Matheson boys was able to aid their playmates but ran ashore and gave the alarm.

Mrs. Grace H. McLaughlin, of 102 Lancaster street, was made a widow five years ago when her husband, Thomas R., was killed by a falling tree in a Minnesota forest. She has two sons remaining, both older than the victim's of yesterday's tragedy.

ISSUE WARNING TO CAIRO PAPERS

CAIRO, Thursday, Dec. 18.—Owners and editors of newspapers were today given official warning to refrain from printing matter likely to excite the public. Recent disorders and attempts at assassination were largely attributable, the warning stated, to certain newspapers.

Newspapermen are assured there is no intention to prevent reasonable criticism and are advised to submit doubtful matter to the censor before publication.

700 SHOP WORKERS TO RECEIVE GIFTS

NORTHAMPTON, Dec. 24.—The Florence Manufacturing company, employing 700 men and women, will distribute Christmas and New Year's gifts in appreciation of the loyalty of its employes. The company has 43 men and women who have been in its employ from 20 to 40 years, 10 of them from 30 to 40 years. One hundred dollars is to be given each one who has reached 20 years of service.

On Christmas day all who have been in the employ of the company less than one year will receive $2.50. Those who have been employed one year or more but less than 10 years will receive $5; those 10 years but less than 15 years, $10; those 20 years, $15, and those more than 20 years, $25.

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NATION-WIDE HAPPINESS CAMPAIGN TO MARK THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—This year's Christmas season is to issue in a nation-wide "Blue Bird Campaign for Happiness."

All the familiar "Blue Bird" people, Myl and Tyl and the rest, will come to life at a great fancy dress ball at the Waldorf the night after Christmas.

The following night the world premiere of Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird," will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House. Maeterlinck, the author, and Albert Wolf, the composer, will be the principal guests on both evenings.

Happiness Campaign

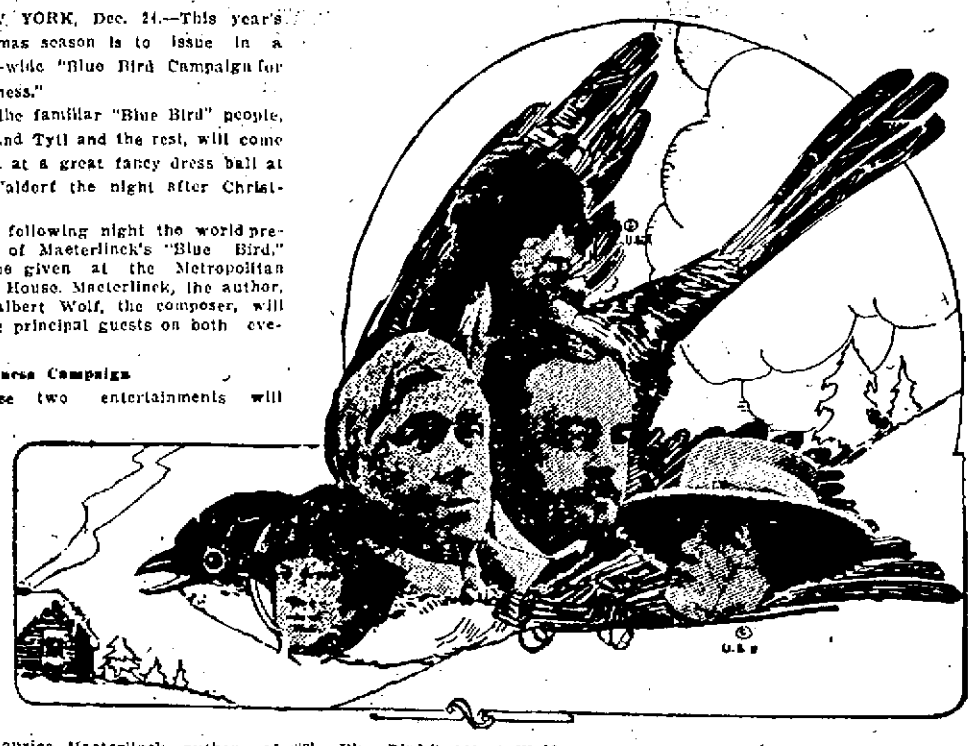
These two entertainments will usher in the Blue Bird campaign which is to be carried on for the benefit of the queen of Belgium's fund for French children, the Milk for Children of America Fund, and the Big Sisters.

Both the premiere and the ball will be given under the auspices of the Inter-Allied Art association, whose patrons include the king and queen of the Belgians and the president of the French republic. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is at the head of the New York committee, which also includes Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mrs. Whitney Warren, Mrs. Newbold Le Roy Edgar, and Ethel Barrymore.

For Future Generations

"It seems well," said Mrs. Vanderbilt, "that through the medium of art the minds of the people should be directed to the happiness of future generations, and it is fitting that Maeterlinck's charming fairy tale should be associated with the happiness of children."

In addition to society and the leaders in art, all the distinguished foreign visitors at present in New York will be invited to the ball at the Waldorf.



Maurice Maeterlinck, author of "The Blue Bird;" Alfred Wolf, composer of the new opera; Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney and Mrs. Russell Colt (Ethel Barrymore), patronesses of "The Blue Bird Campaign for Happiness."

O.M.I. CADETS ANNUAL OFFICERS' BALL

Detailed arrangements for the annual officers' ball of the O.M.I. Cadets were discussed at a meeting of the officers held last evening in the cadet armory in East Merrimack st. The affair will be held in Associate hall Jan. 7 and the first rehearsal of the grand march will be on the preceding Sunday.

The welcome home celebration to the veterans of the cadets will be held on January 6 and every cadet who served in the world war is asked to send his name to Rev. Denis A. Sullivan, O.M.I., spiritual director, before next Monday evening for at that time the celebration committee will make final arrangements for the affair.

WILL A-CAROLLING GO

The young people of the Worthen St. Baptist church will go "carolling" tonight, and all who are to participate are asked to meet Rev. Mr. Woodbury, the pastor, at the church at 6 p. m. A Christmas program for the children will be held tomorrow evening in the church, at which a large spruce tree covered with gifts will be the centre of attraction.

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

A Christmas carol festival and tree in the church, followed by a visit to the parish house, where the good old saint will be much in evidence, will be the high lights of this evening's holiday exercises at St. John's Episcopal church. Holy communion will be celebrated in the church tomorrow morning at 9 and 10 o'clock, with special Christmas music.

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Tang of Winter Air Brings Out Fair Buds on All the Bridle Paths of Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—A galaxy of this year's debutantes may be seen any bright day this season, riding through the parks and bridle paths of Washington.

There are the two daughters of Mrs. Delos Blodgett, Miss Mona Blodgett and Miss Helen Blodgett. Miss Margaret Crosson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Crosson, is on the best of terms with her mount. Miss Anna Hamlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin, and Miss Marion Drain, daughter of Lieut. Col. James Drain and Mrs. Drain, are ardent devotees of horseback riding, in company with Miss Caroline Nash, daughter of Mrs. F. S. Nash, and Miss Ruth Hitchcock, daughter of Senator Hitchcock and Mrs. Hitchcock.

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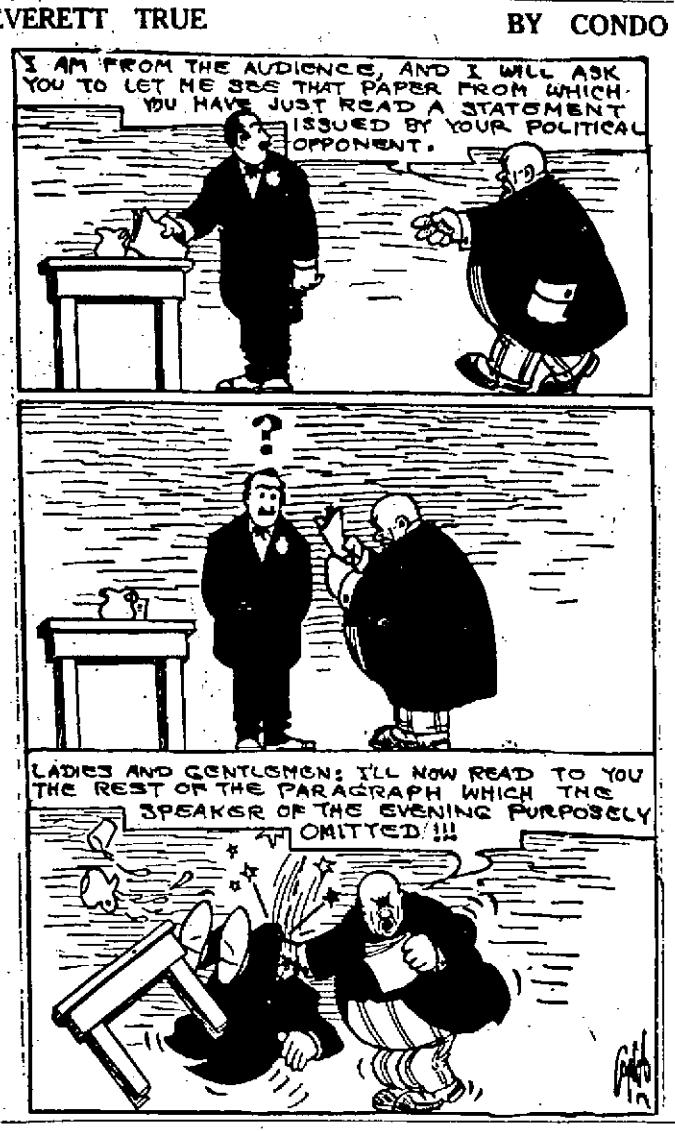

BEFORE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Master Race Lived Where Ruins Now Stand—Land of Yesterday

Steeped in the superstitions of centuries long since past, many remarkable ruins have been recently excavated in the "Land of the Quetzal"—Guatemala.

"Land of the Quetzal," it is called, because this beautiful bird has long been the national symbol of Guatemala. The Mayas anciently regarded it as a deity and only their chieftains were permitted to adorn themselves with the gorgeous plumes of crimson, iridescent green tinged with blue, or of black or white.

This land of glorious tropical vegetation, palms and flowers, wonderfully plumed birds and interesting forest folk, was also the home of the earliest inhabitants of this continent. Today one can look with wonderment on the ruins as they stand, "Temples of the Jungle" and mute witnesses, affirming the existence of a lost and forgotton race.

Dr. William Greene, having spent several years in this "land of yesterday," was charmed with the country, its weird superstitions and quaint customs, and believing that it would prove of interest to many others, he organized an expedition to journey there and take a record in film of the sights and the country as he had seen it. In an effort to secure as true to nature a record as possible, he selected the Prizma-colored motion picture process and the results he has obtained are a revelation in nature's colors.

At Quirigua have been unearthed many temples and monuments, and while the inscriptions for the most part are a closed book, the dates have been deciphered and show that these edifices were built as far back as 150 A.D. A master race, such as the Brahmans in Indo-China, conceived and constructed them. Who they were or where they came from or what their fate was, is a mystery unsolved. But here stand their elaborate temples and strangely-carved monuments, telling of an ancient civilized race in America at least a thousand years before Columbus saw the new world.

Today one passes down wondrous arching forest galleries defying description—galleries formed by immense ceiba trees, whose lowest branches are 80 feet overhead and hung with orchids and Spanish moss. Beyond are long avenues of giant stone monoliths, each intricately carved and each bearing a gigantic, grotesque face. This was the method the Mayas employed to write down their history. At the end of each hotun, or 1800-day period, one of these monoliths was set up and on it inscribed the events of that period. Many of these are 25 feet in height and all are carved from top to bottom.

Famous battles of ancient days would have been referred to in this last war as nothing to report on the western front.

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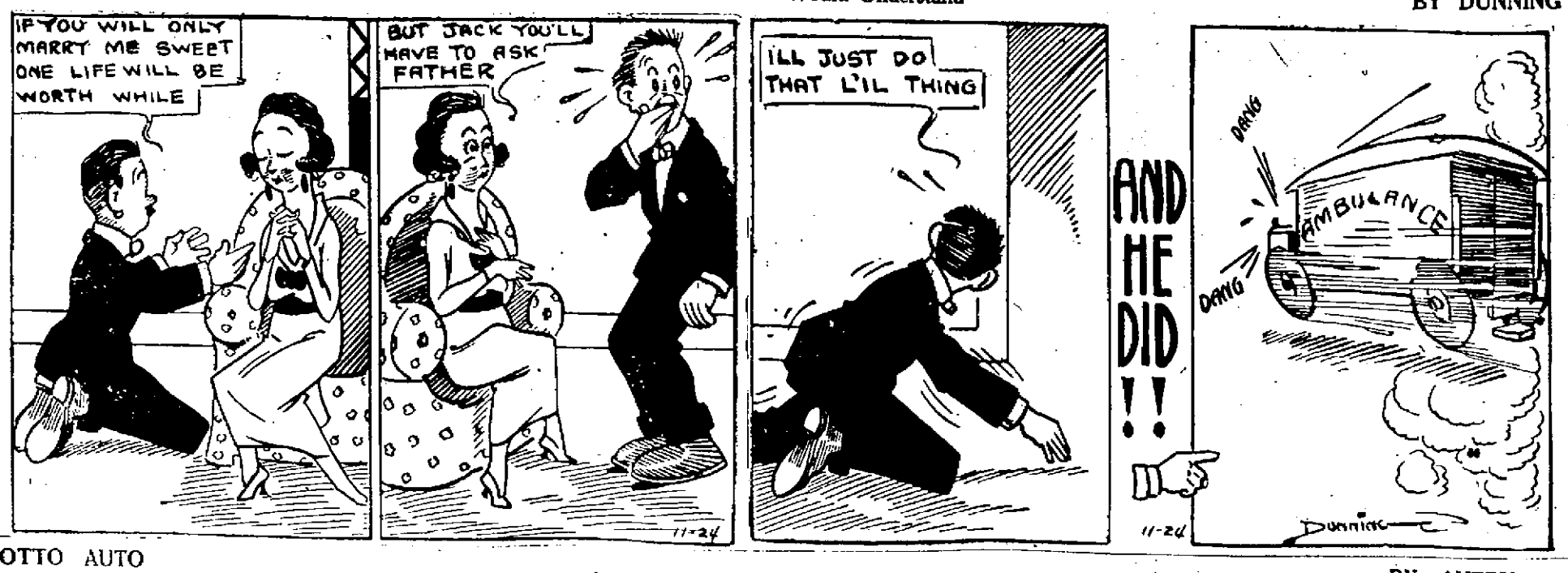

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Sporting News and Newsy Sports

"JUDGE" HARKINS STAR

Lowell Captain and Pence Feature in Overtime Victory Over Providence

Capt. Ferdinand Harkins, Lowell's brilliant poloist, was more brilliant than ever last night and his remarkable playing was principally responsible for the Lowell victory over Providence in the first overtime game of the season on the local floor. The score was 5 to 4.

Harkins had been serving on the jury in addition to playing polo for the last month, but yesterday he received his discharge from judicial duty and celebrated the event by handing out a severe sentence to the invading Gold Bugs. But before rendering the verdict additional time was required. In fact it looked for a time as if the decision were going against us. In the third period the "jurors" on the bleachers looked downhearted and discouraged as the other side seemed to be putting forth the best argument.

But Lowell came stronger in the "rebuttal" and when the regulation time had expired there was a deadlock. In other words the score was 4 to 4. After a brief lull the ten men returned to the cage and the "case" was resumed. The decision was hanging in the balance. It was decreed that the first side to score a point would win the verdict. No judicial body ever worked harder to arrive at a speedy climax than those men who were putting forth their best efforts for Lowell and Providence.

As the weight of evidence was against Lowell, following a reverse the night before at Providence, it was necessary to advance a strong "plea." Harkins assumed the task, but he was aided and abetted by the wonderful defense put forth by Pence. The Lowell cage custodian was impregnable. The opposition hammered desperately but could not break down the barrier. Finally with the tide of battle shifting from one side to the other, Harkins' offensive partner, Griffith, with lightning like foresight saw the chance to get that deciding point and he slipped the tip—or rather the ball to Harkins—and presto, into the net for a decision that could not be overruled. No verdict was ever more vigorously applauded. It brought victory, a glorious outcome after one of the greatest and most bitterly contested battles, legal or otherwise, of the season.

Seldom has a contest of any kind developed such artistry, such wonderful skill and co-ordination as that of last night. It was a fight all the way, rough at times, but not unnecessarily so. Action characterized every minute of play. There was much skating and driving and expert team work by both clubs. The fans were on edge all night and those who shouted and cheered, pleaded and jeered will not soon forget the exhibition. Both teams were at their best and while the remarkable work of Harkins and Pence stood out prominently, all others contributed materially to the high class demonstration of polo.

The game opened up in whirlwind fashion. After seven minutes of play, Lanky Harry Thompson caged the atom. Harkins followed with a brace and the period ended 2 to 1. The second session was a continuation of the speedy play.

Thompson and Williams registered and Providence took the lead but Griffith soon hammered one in and the score was three all. Williams duplicated and the count was 4 to 3 in favor of Providence. The third period opened with excitement at a high pitch and all hands playing as never before. Both teams had committed two fouls and a third one meant the loss of a point. Finally Harkins poked one in creating a tie, and the rink rocked with enthusiasm. Then each team went out to land that big deciding goal, but soon the horn sounded and extra time was necessary. The going was so fast during the 45 minutes of play that all enjoyed the brief respite. In the overtime session all waded in with determination. The ball banged from one end of the cage to the other. Players dashed around with dazzling speed. Goal tends kicked and jumped around with machine-like precision. Lyons, the big hard driving Providence halfback, got the ball in position for a long drive, but he changed his mind and attempted to pass it to Williams, but Griffith intercepted and shot the ball to Harkins and the Lowell "Cap" slipped it by Hueffner's pads and the opposition's fate was sealed. It was all over but the cheering and some cheering followed. Cheers for the losers as well as the winners accompanied the players as they left for their dressing rooms. The lineup and score:

LOWELL		PROVIDENCE
Davies 1r		1r Williams
Harkins 2r		2r Thompson
Griffith c		c Brown
Cameron b		b Lyons
Pence g		g Hueffner
Won by	Caged by	Time
	FIRST PERIOD	
Providence	Thompson	6.58
Lowell	Harkins	2.43
Lowell	Harkins	4.01
	SECOND PERIOD	
Providence	Williams	3.16
Providence	Thompson	5.56
Lowell	Griffith	.20
Providence	Williams	1.59
	THIRD PERIOD	
Lowell	Harkins	9.27
	OVERTIME	
Lowell	Harkins	13.40

Summary: Score, Lowell 5, Providence 4. Rushes, Davies 6, R. Williams 7. Stops, Pence 63, Hueffner 43. Fouls, Cameron, Williams, Lyons, Griffith. Referee, Knowlton.

WHALERS WON

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 24.—The New Bedford club won over Lawrence here last night in a fast game, 6 to 2. One of Hart's three goals went through a hole in the cage, but the referee allowed it. Lawrence got one goal by an accident, Doherty hooking the ball in while attempting to pull it from under Conley's feet. The lineup and score:

NEW BEDFORD		LAWRENCE
Mulligan 1r		1r Duggan
B. Hart 2r		2r Kehoe
Muirhead c		c Ryan
Doherty b		b Finnell
Conley g		g Blount
Won by	Caged by	Time
	FIRST PERIOD	
New Bedford	Hart	.27
	SECOND PERIOD	
New Bedford	Mulligan	14.41
New Bedford	Muirhead	2.07
New Bedford	Hart	9.08
	THIRD PERIOD	
Lawrence	Duggan	10.09
New Bedford	Muirhead	4.25
Lawrence	Accident	4.35
New Bedford	Hart	1.33

Summary: Score, New Bedford 6, Lawrence 2. Rushes, Mulligan 7, Duggan 4. Stops, Conley 31. Blount 65. Referee, Graham. Timer, Taber.

BOXING BOUTS HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

The stage is all set for the big holiday boxing carnival at the Crescent rink tomorrow night, when Johnny Downes, lightweight champion of New England and Frankie Brown, the sensational New York battler will meet for the second time before Lowell fans.

Downes is in great condition following a lively bout with Howard McRae at Roxbury on Monday night. He laid off yesterday and did light work today and his manager sends the word that he was never in better condition. He realizes that Brown will give him a hard battle all the way, but feels confident that he will add another victory to his long list.

Reports from New York bring the information that Brown never trained harder than for the coming bout and that he will be greatly disappointed if he fails to emerge from the encounter on top.

Downes and Brown met here on the last holiday, Thanksgiving day, and their whirlwind number is still the talk of the town. All look for another animated number, and if the bout is as good as the former meeting, those who fail to attend will miss a rare treat.

Billy Mulvey, of the South End and Young Nerney of Centralville are to perform in the semi-final, and there will be two six round preliminaries.

Boston writers give Frank Mollins much credit for his showing against Billy Woods at Roxbury on Monday night. Mollins entered the ring with an injured right hand, and despite the fact that he tackled a main bout performer and a rugged fighter, he stayed in there and gamely fought all the way. He lost the decision after 8 hard rounds but in defeat he made many friends.

DECIDE ON NUMBERING FOOTBALL PLAYERS

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 24.—Whether Harvard's eleven shall wear numbers in the New Year's Day game with Oregon, is one of the questions which the Tournament of Roses football committee will seek to decide as soon as the crimson team arrives Friday. Oregon's team like other Pacific coast elevens, carried numbers in all games of the past season, but opposition to their so doing in the New Year's game, unless Harvard also adopts the system, is said to have developed.

Selection of officials also may cause discussion when the easterners make their appearance, according to persons close to "Shy" Huntington, Oregon's coach. Harvard's expressed wish for A. G. Van Surdam, formerly of Wesleyan, and D. W. Merriman, Pennsylvania referee, is said to be opposed by Huntington, who favors Robert Maxwell, of Philadelphia for one. If an eastern man is chosen, and either W. S. Klenholz, Pasadena, George M. Varnell, Spokane, Washn., or Sam Dolan Corvallis, Oregon for another.

Meanwhile, however, Huntington is bending every energy toward getting his charges in the best possible condition. The schedule of two workouts daily started Monday, is expected to continue the remainder of the week with a possible layoff Saturday afternoon to permit the Oregonians to watch the California interscholastic football championship contest here.

GAINER, SMITH AND JIM THORPE ARE SOLD

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Three Boston players were sold yesterday, two by the Red Sox, and one by the Braves, all for a cash consideration.

Del Gainer and Paul Smith go to Milwaukee of the American association, and Jim Thorpe, the Indian, was bought from the Braves by the Akron club of the International league.

Gainer came to the Red Sox via the waiver route from Detroit in 1914. He had been with the Tigers for four years previous to this, and had the most discouraging experience in the way of injuries during this period. His ill-luck followed him, and Hoblitzel, who was purchased from Cincinnati about the same time, became the regular first-sacker. Gainer being used as a utility man, mostly.

Smith is an outfielder, and came to the Boston club from Montreal with Whiteman in 1917, but never had a chance to show, as he was almost immediately drafted into the service. He may be back in the big league later, for working under the direction of Clarence Rowland is sure to bring out any exceptional talent he may have.

The sale of Jim Thorpe by the Braves will not be much of a surprise. Thorpe was a great football star, starting at Carlisle, and the world's greatest all-round athlete, but never developed into the ball player it was thought he would.

He came to the Boston club last season in exchange for Pitcher Pat. Ragan. He participated in 60 games, sometimes as a pinch hitter, and in 159 times at bat made 52 hits, including seven doubles, three triples and one home run, for a percentage of .327, which was better than that made by Roush, who, by virtue of having played in 133 games, in which he went to bat 504 times and finishing with an average of .321, was admittedly the leading batter of the National league.

POLO NOTES

Tomorrow afternoon at 3.15 o'clock the Fall River Tigers will play Lowell at the Crescent rink.

After a little slump Fred Jean has his Tigers again travelling at a fast clip and the fans in Fall River are still confident that the Big Fellow will bring his team out on top.

On Friday night the rival Lawrence team will play here.

POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Salem	28	19	59.6
New Bedford	26	20	56.5
Worcester	23	22	51.1
Fall River	21	23	51.1
Lowell	20	23	46.5
Lawrence	21	26	44.7
Providence	18	27	40.0

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Lowell 5, Providence 4.
New Bedford 6, Lawrence 2.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Lowell at Worcester.
New Bedford at Fall River.
Lawrence at Salem.

THE BOOTT MILLS BOWLING LEAGUE

Two zestful games were rolled in the Boott Mills Bowling league Monday evening. The winners were Crockett's Wonders and Sanford's Gingers. Scores:

CROCKETT'S WONDERS				
Boyle	84	88	82	254
D. Mullarkey	91	83	87	261
Williams	85	76	101	262
Heald	88	99	101	288
F. Woods	90	117	86	293
Morin	99	100	81	280
Totals	537	563	538	1658

GILMAN'S PETS				
Ragen	78	91	84	253
Creegan	86	79	81	246
Gendreau	72	79	77	228
Silva	84	85	79	248
Duff	88	81	89	261
Cox	90	82	81	262
Totals	507	500	491	1498

COLUMBIA BOWLING LEAGUE

The Locusts had an easy time with the Oaks in the Columbia bowling league last evening, taking all four points. The rolling of Cottingham and McLaughlin featured. Score:

LOCUSTS				
Rourke	92	83	88	263
Dalton	88	85	89	262
Ayer	84	78	109	271
McGrath	86	107	102	295
Cottingham	86	101	118	305
Totals	436	454	506	1396

OAKS				
Delehanty	87	86	82	255
Powers	92	93	84	269
McCarthy	78	76	87	241
Coady	86	79	87	252
McLaughlin	87	101	118	306
Totals	430	436	458	1323

NELSON'S FIRECRACKERS				
Royds	72	70	76	228
Hopwood	73	74	69	216
S. Woods	86	80	65	221
Roche	78	92	93	262
McKenzie	76	106	80	262
Manus	73	92	105	270
Totals	458	514	487	1459

SANFORD'S GINGERS				
Mullarkey	98	103	94	295
Dearborn	70	78	83	231
Nyborg	82	87	83	252
Fratus	91	81	88	263
Marsh	88	94	87	269
Roarke	125	100	92	317
Totals	551	546	522	1627

STANDING AND AVERAGES	Won	Lost
Sanfords	17	7
Crocketts	16	8
Nelsons	12	12
Gilmans	3	21

Rourke 99.8, Manus 94.17, F. Woods 94.5, W. Mullarkey 92.13, Heald 92.5, Morin 91.14, Boyle 91.1, Cox 91.1, Marsh 90.13, Fratus 89.6, D. Mullarkey 88.4, McKenzie 87.13, Duff 87.13, Williams 85.16, Gendreau 85.8, Nyberg 85.4, S. Woods 84.8, Roche 84, Silva 83.13, Royds 82.16, Creegan 82.13, Ragen 80.2, Hopwood 79.5 Dearborn 78.1.

K. OF C. AND WORSTED LEAGUE BOWLERS

The K. of C. bowlers and United States Worsted league held forth on the local alleys last evening and several good games were rolled. Scores:

K. of C.

COLUMBIAS				
O'Neil	82	97	92	271
Moran	87	97	92	276
Ford	80	82	98	260
McQuaid	106	113	118	337
Totals	355	389	400	1144

SANTA MARIAS				
Rogers	104	96	84	284
Mullen	77	96	93	266
Cawley	80	113	100	293
Coughlin	99	117	85	301
Totals	360	422	362	1144

ISABELLAS				
P. Groves	96	86	84	266
G. Groves	93	98	78	269
McLarney	90	97	92	279
Reynolds	91	95	92	278
Winn	99	91	90	280
Totals	469	467	436	1372

TRINIDADS				
Smith	91	70	82	243
Callery	103	90	99	292
Murphy	96	104	94	294
Queenan	81	95	89	265
Bernadini	119	100	102	321
Totals	490	459	466	1414

U. S. Worsted League

WEAVE ROOM NO. 2				
G. Hamm	75	80	78	233
P. Breault	81	83	85	249
Nugent	82	85	84	251
Machia	75	93	75	243
Connerton	76	87	86	249
Totals	389	425	408	1225

MENDING ROOM				
A. Dean	71	77	81	230
Ira Booth	79	75	99	253
W. Sykes	72	91	91	254
A. Walker	80	83	91	264
E. Lemke	95	99	85	282
Totals	397	425	450	1272

HARNESS RAISERS				
L. Greaves	79	77	80	236
Dawson	86	75	84	245
Hamm	89	94	77	260
Nugent	72	75	80	227
Begin	77	81	84	242
Totals	403	402	405	1210

PLUSH ROOM				
McLaughlin	73	85	93	251
Morris	74	74	93	241
McNamara	99	81	73	253
Wagner	68	81	72	221
Beauchesne	84	80	93	257
Totals	389	404	430	1223

STOCK ROOM				
Gorman	90	77	80	247
Gentle	84	80	85	249
Molloy	80	102	74	256
Nugent	77	65	98	240
Rheault	55	77	81	213
Totals	356	401	418	1205

WEAVE ROOM NO. 3				
Wagner	71	73	78	222
Verfaillie	83	65	80	225
Coughlin	79	80	79	238
Dube	71	91	80	242
Beauchesne	79	84	72	235
Totals	383	393	389	1165

Other Games

MOOSE				
Bailey	93	96	94	283
Casey	75	102	86	263
Goodson	71	85	94	250
Whelan	100	101	96	297
Lane	113	107	96	316
Totals	452	491	466	1409

ODD FELLOWS				
Broadbent	103	113	94	310
Wilkinson	98	86	79	243
Carter	94	81	77	252
Neild	82	77	119	278
Hurst	102	81	111	294
Totals	459	438	480	1377

SCHOOLBOY TENNIS WONDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—New York boasts of a new schoolboy tennis wonder in the person of Charles M. Wood, Jr., 14 years old, of the De-Witt Clinton high school. Playing in the semi-finals of the junior indoor national championships here yesterday the youth easily won his match and displayed such powerful service and speed at volleying that experts among the spectators were fairly dazzled.

Wood will meet Valentine Gress of Peddie Institute, Heightstown, N. J., for the title on Friday.

PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE BOXING AS INTERCOLLEGIATE MINOR SPORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—When the National Collegiate Athletic association holds its annual meeting here on Dec. 30, one of the subjects to be discussed will be a proposal to introduce boxing as intercollegiate minor sport. College physical directors said today that boxing, probably more than any other sport, received a "tremendous impetus" during the war, and that there is a general demand among students for the adoption of the "manly art."

Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, head of the department of physical education at the University of Pennsylvania is among the leaders in the movement.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The adoption of boxing as an intercollegiate sport will be urged by University of Pennsylvania athletic authorities at the meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic associations in New York next week. In making this announcement today, Major M. J. Pickering, graduate manager of Pennsylvania said he favored three round bouts with two minutes to each round. This, he added, would be long enough for the average college boxer.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The expected invasion of the United States by British golfers next summer, may cause the United States Golf association to move the national open golf championship farther down on the calendar than the position occupied last spring. The association holds its annual meeting here on January 9 to select the courses and dates for the golf fixtures.

Local golfers, interested in reports that Harry Vardon, J. H. Taylor, Abe Mitchell, James Braid and other British experts would come to America, said today that the national open championship might be held in the fall in order to allow the Britishers a chance to participate.

Walter Hagen, Tom McNamara, and other Americans plan to invade England next April and try for British honors and the reciprocal visits are looked upon with high favor by golfing enthusiasts here.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Local officials of the Amateur Athletic Union were interested today in the movement started by Mike J. Ryan, an army athletic director during the war, and now in charge of athletics at Colby college, to organize an independent branch of the union in the state of Maine. Formal preliminary negotiations already have been made.

At present Maine is under the jurisdiction of the New England A.A.U., with headquarters at Boston. Under the plan outlined by Ryan, the new organization's membership would include the colleges, high schools, Y.M.C.A., and Knights of Columbus branches and American Legion clubs in the state.

URGES U. S. SENATE TO RATIFY TREATY

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The American chamber of commerce of London has addressed messages to United States Senators Lodge and Hitchcock on the subject of ratification of the peace treaty.

The American chamber of commerce is composed of representatives of all the leading American bankers, merchants and business firms doing business in Great Britain and also of the leading British shipping, banking and business concerns trading with the United States. The latter, however, have no voting power, the control of the chamber being in the hands of firms incorporated in America and American citizens. The message follows:

"The failure of the United States to ratify the treaty and enter into working arrangements with the allies is causing our motives for entering the war and our hesitation in going into the reconstruction plans to be misrepresented and misunderstood.

"America owes it to herself as well as to the world to come to the help of the disorganized and starving portions of Europe. The international machinery started by the peace conference is falling to pieces. All actual progress toward peace is checked, and peoples are slowly drifting toward famine and anarchy, which can be remedied if the United States will decide quickly and assume her responsibilities. Business, manufacture, transportation and even agriculture are wholly or partly paralyzed.

"Whether the covenant be ratified as it stands or with reservations is infinitely less important than that some international working arrangements be agreed on which will remove the uncertainty and enable private enterprise, upon which the main burden of reconstruction must fall, to get to work without further delay.

"We, therefore, urge you to use your utmost endeavors to secure ratification of the treaty, with such reservations as may have to be made to break the present deadlock."

DARING ROBBERY

18 Men Lined Up Against Wall and Relieved of $2000

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Three hold-up men entered the Eugene R. Duffy association clubrooms early today, lined 18 members up against the wall and escaped with $2000 in cash and personal property.

NOTED BARITONE ARRIVES

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Tito Ruffo, noted baritone, was among the passengers arriving here today on the Italian steamship Giuseppe Verdi from Genoa and Naples.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of Martha Louise Blanchard, late of Tyngsborough, in said County, deceased:

Whereas Richard B. Walsh, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, with the will annexed, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the sixth day of January, A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of William H. Timson, late of Dracut, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Harris A. Timson of Dracut in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of January, A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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GOLD WATCH lost between 51 Pine and 27 Lane sts. Reward at either address.

WILL SOME HONEST PERSON return the Persian lamb muff that was lost Thursday afternoon? Reward $10. Mrs. A. Fels, 957 Lakeview ave.

GENT'S SILVER WATCH lost Dec. 12, between Sixth and Jewett sts. Reward by calling Tel. 5838-J.

SUM OF MONEY found. Owner may have by paying for this adv. and proving property. 63 John st., Room 7.

SMALL DIAMOND PIN lost Saturday afternoon on North Chelmsford car, Keith's or square. Address K-3, Sun office. Reward.

THE PERSON seen picking up money on Shaw st. Saturday will please return to 673 School st. and save trouble. Reward.

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GEESE FEATHERS wanted. New or second hand. Any lot. S. Warcholik, Box 65, Manchester, N. H.

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Southern Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.
5.20	6.40	2.45	3.33
6.23	7.26	6.00	7.08
6.44	7.30	7.35	8.20
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b6.30	7.53	9.00	9.59
6.57	8.00	10.00	10.58
7.56	8.37	11.30	12.03
9.04	9.42	12.30	1.11
10.06	11.06	h1.05	1.53
11.13	11.58	2.15	3.15
12.10	1.03	2.50	3.41
1.47	2.35	4.00	4.42
2.45	3.42	4.35	5.27
b3.30	4.12	5.00	5.43
4.00	4.45	b5.21	6.49
4.12	5.25	5.38	6.36
5.28	6.14	b5.50	7.13
5.33	6.40	6.14	7.23
6.05	7.28	8.00	8.41
6.25	7.10	8.30	9.11
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Sunday Trains Portland Division			
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8.65	10.05		

Sunday Trains Southern Division			
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PROTEST FROM MEXICO

Council Objects to Projected Philanthropic Intervention by U. S. League

MEXICO CITY, Tuesday, Dec. 23.—Resolutions of protest against "projected philanthropic intervention in Mexican affairs by the recent reformed childhood conservation league of the United States," were passed at a meeting of the Mexican feminist council today. The league, which, it is said, "proposes, with the financial backing of a group of the largest and best known magnates of the United States, to spend from $2,000,000 to $4,000,000 annually on charitable propaganda in Mexico," is said to be a "far-sighted scheme to bring about ultimate intervention in Mexican affairs."

Signora Elena Torres, general secretary of the feminist council today gave a statement to the Associated Press, in which she declared that "Mexican women hold Mexico itself to be best able to judge its own needs and to find a way to satisfy them in due time. Outside aid, however, well meant, is entirely uninvited."

"The Mexican feminist council also holds," the statement says, "that, aside from the gratuitous nature of the proposed philanthropic intervention, there is underlying a more sinister motive than the projected foundation of hospitals, churches and asylums in every Mexican state as is revealed by the fact that those persons financially supporting the movement are the same individuals who have agitated most insistently for intervention and curtailment of Mexican liberties."

MEXICO CITY, Tuesday, Dec. 23.—The Mexican delegation to the second Pan-American financial conference in Washington in January will be headed by Ygnacio Bonillas, Mexican ambassador at Washington, it was announced today.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PRESENTATION

A jolly Christmas party was held this afternoon in the office of the government production clerks at the Lawrence street plant of the U. S. Cartridge Co., when business associates of Paul A. Bevan, assistant to Major Cole, presented him a splendidly equipped traveling bag. The clerks presented the gift through Warren Sanborn and Mr. Bevan graciously acknowledged it and expressed sincere appreciation of the spirit which prompted the thought. The office had been previously decorated with Christmas greens by the young women of the department and in this atmosphere sociability continued throughout the afternoon. Luncheon also was served. Among those present were the Misses Rowe, Griffith, Atkinson, Miller, Egan, Conway, O'Neil, McGrath and Burns and Messrs. Bevan, G. Burns, Drayton, Goodnough, McKay, Sanborn, Evans, Donnelly, McCarthy and McNamara.

Rival republicans are rather superstitious. At every opportunity they knock on Wood.

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SOMERVILLE JOINS IN THE LICENSE COLUMN

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Somerville had its first biennial city election yesterday and for the first time since the local option law went into effect the city voted in favor of license, 2777 to 2301. The total vote of the city was small, only 5335 of a registration of about 14,000 going to the polls.

Mayor Charles W. Eldridge, republican, now serving his second term, was re-elected for the two-year term by a vote of 3395 to 1044 for John A. Kyte, the democratic candidate.

The board of aldermen consists of 21 members, seven aldermen-at-large and 14 ward aldermen, two from each ward. The republicans elected seven aldermen-at-large and 11 ward aldermen. The democrats elected three ward aldermen, a gain of one over their membership in the present board.

Democrats Make Gains

The republicans elected 10 and the democrats four members of the school committee, a gain of two for the democrats who elected in ward two, William T. McCarthy, formerly assistant district attorney of Middlesex county; and Francis J. Fitzpatrick. There was but one contest for alderman-at-large, and that was in ward 2, where Alderman Robert C. Harris, republican, defeated ex-Alderman William E. Murgrave, independent, 2961 to 1478.

The democrats had a spirited fight for ward aldermen in ward 2, where Alderman Peter F. Donnelly, now serving his second term, was defeated for re-nomination at the primaries. Yesterday Donnelly was re-elected.

DEATHS

PENNIMAN—Miss Sarah Penniman died yesterday aged 80 years. She leaves five nieces and two nephews. She was a member of the First Congregational church and of Molly Varnum chapter, D.A.R.

SYMMES—William Franklin Symmes, a well known resident of East Billerica, dropped dead yesterday afternoon as he was drawing a bucket of water from a well on the O'Heir farm, which adjoins the Symmes property. Deceased, who was 70 years of age, was apparently in his usual health yesterday, but was known to have suffered from heart failure for the past year or more. He conducted a lumber business in East Billerica for many years and built up a large and successful trade. Mr. Symmes retired from active business only a short time ago, but had busied himself with other work about his home. He leaves a wife, Lucy L. Symmes; two sons, Arthur F. and Forrest C. Symmes, both of Boston and two daughters, Mrs. Horace Wood of Readfield, Me., and Mrs. John J. Marr of Island Falls, Me.

FUNERAL NOTICES

PENNIMAN—Died Dec. 23rd, in this city, Miss Sara A. Penniman, aged 80 years, 1 month and 27 days. Funeral services will be held at the home of her niece Mrs. B. F. B. Tucker, 94 Dover street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice, burial private. Motor cortege. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

SYMMES—Died in East Billerica, Dec. 23, William Franklin Symmes, aged 70 years 1 months and 23 days. Funeral services will be held at his home in Billerica Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. Please omit flowers. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

TWOMBLY—The funeral of Mrs. Anne M. Twombly will take place Friday morning from the chapel of Undertaker James F. O'Donnell & Sons. A funeral mass will be sung at the Immaculate Conception church, the hour to be announced later. Burial in Calvary cemetery, Concord, N. H., in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons. Motor cortege.

FUNERALS

RUSHWORTH—The funeral of Chas. B. Rushworth took place from his home, 58 South Loring street, Monday afternoon. Rev. Chauncey L. Hawkins of the First Congregational church conducted the funeral services. Vocal selections were sung by the Mendelssohn quartet. As Mr. Rushworth had been a Mason, the burial ritual of the Masonic order was employed in the services at the grave in the Edson cemetery. Worshipful master of William North lodge, Harold D. MacDonald, conducted and was assisted by Senior Warden Arthur Bartlett, Chaplain Chas. Fleming and Marshal Arthur G. Fox. The bearers were Messrs. Charles Marshall, G. E. Marshall, Charles Hoelzel and William Hoelzel. A large number of relatives and friends attended the services and beautiful flowers were in abundance. Mr. Rushworth is survived by his wife, Mrs. Abbie F. Rushworth; two daughters, Edith of North Chelmsford and Bernice of Hawthorne, and a son, Marshal of this city. Besides his membership in William North lodge of Masons, he was active in the United Order of the Golden Cross and in the Lowell Fish and Game association. For six years he was in the hay and grain business in Fletcher street and was at one time manager of the Lowell Co-operative association. Undertaker A. A. Marshall of Lexington directed the funeral arrangements.

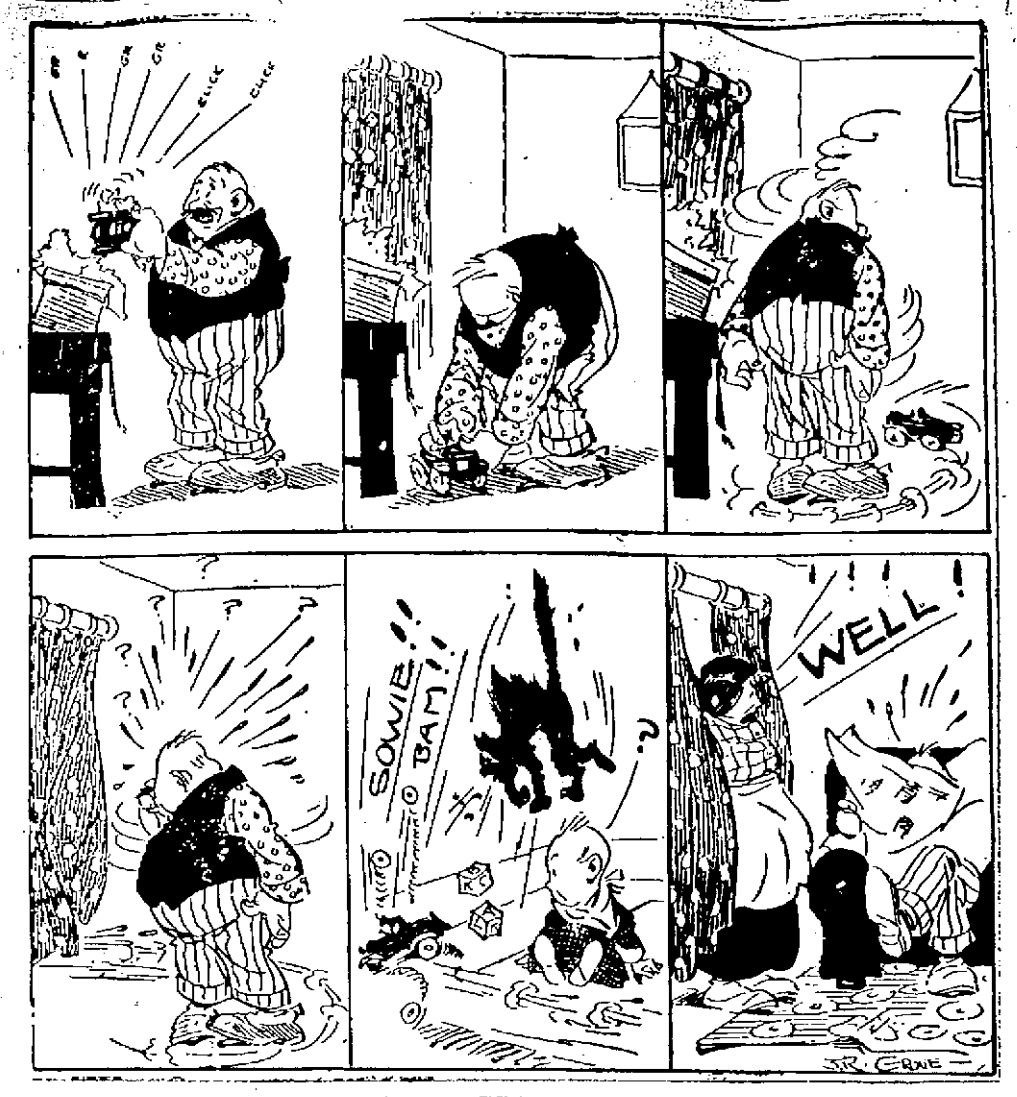
NUTTALL—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Nuttall was held from the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey, 79 Branch street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Asa R. Dilts, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church. Burial was in the Westlawn cemetery.

ORNELLAS—The funeral of Serafin Ornellas took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, Ernest and Vera Ornellas, 151 Charles street. Services were held at St. Anthony's church, the prayers being recited by Rev. Fr. Perry. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

GOMES—The funeral of John Gomes took place yesterday afternoon from his home, 445 Lawrence street. Services were held at St. Anthony's church Rev. J. S. Perry officiating. There were several beautiful floral offerings. The bearers were Joseph Mendosa, Bazil Silva and Antonio Martin. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

MEEHAN—The funeral of Mrs. Ellen (McGarrell) Meehan took place this morning at 8.30 from her home, 22 Ames street. The funeral cortege then proceeded to St. Peter's church where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Heffernan. The choir sang the Gregorian music. The solos of the mass were sung by Miss Mary Rynne and James E. Donnelly. Miss Gertrude Quigley, organist. The floral and spiritual offerings were numerous. The bearers were Edward Carolin, Owen McArdle, John Honan, Patrick Dunne, Michael Daley, Thomas Meehan. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Heffernan. Undertaker John F. Rogers in charge.

BOYLE—The funeral of Miss Mary Boyle took place this morning at 8.30 from the home of her sister, Mrs. Catherine Rourke, 324 Central street, and proceeded to Sacred Heart church, where a funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. John Doherty, O.M.I. at 9 o'clock. The Gregorian mass was sung by the Sanctuary choir, under the direction of Rev. Fr. William J. Mahan, O.M.I. Master Charles O'Brien sustained the solos of the mass. Mr. John J. Kelty was organist. The funeral was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. There was a large number of floral pieces and spiritual bouquets. The bearers were Messrs. Thomas, John, Frank and Michael Boyle, Joseph Rourke, William Grady. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. John Doherty, O.M.I. The funeral was motor cortege and under the direction of Undertakers Charles H. Molloy's Sons.



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

CARD OF THANKS

To those who so kindly aided me in securing the position of superintendent of state aid and to the commissioners who voted for me, I return my sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude. I wish one and all a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM H. ARNOLD.

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Fire and liability insurance, Daniel J. O'Brien, Wyman's Exchange.

Miss Eleanor McIntire of this city has been chosen a member of the student council at Dean academy.

Municipal employes were paid off at the city treasurer's office today instead of on Friday so that they might have the use of their money for Christmas. A total of $28,838.37 was distributed.

The board of health ash and garbage collectors will enjoy one of their few holidays of the year tomorrow. There will be no collections until Friday. The lower Highlands section of the city which is usually "covered" on Thursday will be taken care of Friday.

Among the Lowell young men in town for the holidays are Ensign H. B. Leggat, U. S. naval air service, and James Liston of Lehigh university. Ensign Leggat is stationed at a Virginia aviation base and has a rather short Christmas leave. Mr. Liston will return to Bethlehem, Pa., after New Year's. He enjoyed a very successful season in football, gaining and holding a varsity berth.

Friends of little Miss Doris Master, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Master of 684 Chelmsford street, gathered at her home yesterday to help in the celebration of her tenth birthday anniversary. Birthday gifts were graciously given and received and games and other pastimes made the hours pass all too swiftly. Mrs. Master served a dainty luncheon later in the afternoon.

Real Christmas Weather For N. E.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Real Christmas weather will greet Santa Claus when he makes his rounds tonight, in New England. Snow flurries are forecast for this afternoon and tonight.

Fail To Float Stranded Liner

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24.—Efforts of tugs to float the stranded Old Dominion liner Madison proving unsuccessful, the passengers were taken off today and brought to Norfolk. The Madison went aground on Craney island last night, during a fog, and is embedded in five feet of mud.

REAL TURKEY ON THIS DINNER MENU

Roast turkey will be the piece de resistance at the noon-day meal at the Chelmsford street hospital tomorrow. In addition to this delicious treat the bill of fare will also include cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, squash, turnip, boiled onions, mince pie, bananas, candy and oranges.

At the 7 o'clock mass at the institution tomorrow morning a special musical program will be given by Mrs. Young, Commissioner James E. Donnelly, John J. Dalton, William Gookin and Francis Burns. During the day through the courtesy of the Bon Marche company, victrola selections will be given in various parts of the institution.

THE SUN'S RAYS SURE DO PENETRATE

Do Lowell people read The Sun? Just scan this little yarn and see what you think.

Supt. Welch received a letter from a Worcester woman the other day, stating that she was ill and in needy circumstances. She believed that her brother, a Mr. Stevens, was now a resident of Lowell and asked the chief, if possible, to get in touch with him and inform him of her condition.

So the chief told local newspapermen of the request he had received and asked them to just "write a few lines about it," in the hope that it might come to the attention of Mr. Stevens.

Next day Mr. Stevens appeared at the police station and from his pocket took a clipping from The Sun. He had read of his sister's condition and left immediately for Worcester.

CHIMES WILL PLAY CHRISTMAS HYMNS

The chimes of St. Anne's will mark the eve of Christmas by playing familiar Christmas hymn tunes this evening from 7 to 7.30 o'clock, after which the first vespers of Christmas will be said in the chapel.

Tomorrow morning at 7.30 o'clock at the service of communion, the Guild of St. Cecilia will sing appropriate Christmas music. A second service will be held at 9 o'clock without music and at 10.30 the regular choir of men and boys will sing and the rector, Rev. Appleton Granats, will deliver a brief sermon.

The festivities of the church school will be held in the parish house on Friday in the afternoon and evening. On next Sunday evening a choir of 100 voices will sing John E. West's beautiful cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," under the direction of Fred O. Blunt, with William Heller as organist.

SHOP EARLY.
AND HAVE YOU LEFT FATHER TILL THE LAST?
WIND UP THAT SHOPPING AND LET US MAKE TOMORROW A MERRY CHRISTMAS

DID SOMEONE HUM THE LOHENGRIN MARCH?

Marriage is a great institution—no family should be without it!

At least that's what little Mrs. Chester Moss and her husband say.

True, they have only been travelling in "double harness" for a few short hours. Also true they didn't know that today was to be their wedding day until shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

But they're perfectly satisfied with the turn of events, so they declared to Judge Enright after Police Clerk Trull, who is nothing if not obliging, had made them one and wished them a merry Christmas.

Mrs. Emma Brown, whose business it is to untangle the clerical tangles which will occur in the best of police offices, acted as bridesmaid, while Officer Cooney, a member of Lowell's "finest," was best man. And the two "police" reporters, aided and abetted by Omar Smith, the genial police court janitor, were the witnesses.

Chester and his little bride—who until today was known as Miss Lucille Warner—formerly lived in Newark, N. J. and have been sweethearts for several months. For some reason they neglected to have the marriage knot tied—why, they didn't say.

Anyway, a few weeks ago Lucille came to Lowell to live and last Saturday Chester also journeyed to the City of Spindles.

Shortly after the police court session opened this morning they both pleaded guilty to a statutory charge.

They were willing and anxious to get married, they told Judge Enright.

"Are you a Protestant or a Catholic?" queried the court to Lucille, in an effort to ascertain what type of clergyman she most desired to perform the ceremony.

"Neither, Your Honor," answered she. "I'm a Methodist."

In the end, everybody being willing, it was decided to have Clerk Trull, who is also a justice of the peace, guide the pair through the ordeal.

And, as aforesaid, Clerk Trull did so do, and allowed that as Christmas was almost upon us the pair could consider his services as a holiday gift and forget the matter of a fee.

So everybody wished everybody else a merry Christmas and the best of luck.

CHRISTMAS AT OLD HOME

Dr. William F. Ryan, the well known physician has gone to his old home in Fairfield, Vt., for the Christmas holidays.

DRACUT MAN THROWN IN RUNAWAY

John Manschu, a young man living in Camden street, Dracut, received a fracture of the left leg in a runaway accident on the Lowell-Lawrence boulevard this forenoon. The horse became frightened at a point near Haverhill street at 9.30 o'clock and started on a wild run, throwing the driver to the ground. The ambulance was called and the injured man was taken to St. John's hospital.

Here's Our Monthly Letter

MR. MOTORIST:

Nine out of 10 starting batteries are badly overworked in the cold weather on cars that are kept running.

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Bliss Says If Foch Had Been Named in 1914 Allied Disaster Would Have Been Averted

BLISS TELLS OF EUROPE'S NEED

Peace Delegate Back From Paris Urges Director General of Food Supply

Would Include Germany in Economic Coalition, He Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Europe's most urgent need today is the pooling of its food supply and the establishment of proper distribution facilities under a director general in the opinion of General Tasker H. Bliss, a member of the American peace delegation, who reached Washington today from Paris.

Such an arrangement, he said, would remove discontent, strengthen morale and aid over their formative period the new governments, which have been created as a result of the war.

Germany should be included in the economic coalition, General Bliss said. With Germany excluded, he declared, there would be an element of discon-

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CONGRESS TO ACT IN NAVAL ROW

Probe May Follow Controversy Between Admiral Sims and Sec. Daniels

Officer Declines Award as Protest to Way Decorations Were Made

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Congressional investigation it was indicated today, might result from the controversy between Admiral Sims and Secretary Daniels over the awards of Distinguished Service Medals in the navy.

The report of the awards of the decorations has been transmitted to the senate naval committee by Secretary Daniels at the request of Chairman Page. Representative Lufkins, republican, Massachusetts, member of the house naval committee said he would ask the house to call for a similar report.

The issue which had been smouldering in inner naval circles came out

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN THIS CITY

Great Festival To Be Quietly Observed in Lowell Homes

Elaborate Services in the Churches — Celebrations Held Tonight

Lowell's 1919 Christmas observance will be in accord with time-honored traditions of the great holiday and will be of a quiet and happy nature. The churches and home fireside will be the real centres of the day's activities and the various social organizations and other institutions will carry out programs befitting the day.

This evening will see the climax of Christmas preparations when shoppers will make their 11th hour purchases so that Santa Claus may make his annual pilgrimage without embarrassment. The stores report a record-breaking Christmas trade despite lofty prices for practically everything that enters into the observance of the holiday. The greater part of the season's shopping, of course, has been done, but the merchants look forward to a big finale this evening and the clerks are ready for the last attacks of shoppers.

Tomorrow the city will be at a standstill as far as commercial and industrial activities are concerned. The day's observance will open with services in the churches for which elaborate musical programs have been arranged. At noon the various homes and institutions will serve special Christmas dinners. And, of course, there will be thousands of happy Christmas dinners in private homes. The Salvation Army, local lodge of Elks and other benevolent institutions have taken it upon themselves to see that the needy families of the city will have

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DIED OF HIS INJURIES

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 24.—Stanislaus Borek, proprietor of a liquor establishment at 321 High street, this city, died at the Woonsocket hospital early this morning, as the result of injuries received when, it is believed, he fell from the railroad trestle bridge on River street. Relatives maintain that the man met with foul play and that he was pushed off the trestle. The authorities, however, are not inclined to this theory.

CHRISTMAS DAY PROGRAM

MORNING

Special Christmas Music in all the Catholic Churches.
Christmas Services in Other Churches.
Midnight Mass at French Orphanage, in Pawtucket Street.

NOON

Christmas Exercises and Special Dinners in Orphanages, Homes and Institutions.
Christmas Dinners and Music in Hotels and Restaurants.

AFTERNOON

Christmas Tree Exercises at Broadway Social and Athletic Club at 3 O'Clock.
Christmas Exercises at Y.M.C.I. Hall—2.30 O'Clock.
C.Y.M.I. Christmas Tree Program at St. Patrick's School Hall, Suffolk street, 3 O'Clock.
Polo—Fall River vs. Lowell; Crescent Rink, 3.15.
Special Programs at all Theatres.
Dancing in the Various Dance Halls.

EVENING

Vesper Services in Churches With Christmas Music.
Boxing—Johnny Downes vs. Frankie Brown and other bouts, Crescent Rink, 8.15.
Open House at Community Service Club, Knights of Columbus, Y.M.C.A. and Various Clubs.
Special Programs in the Theatres and Dancing Parties in Dance Halls.

WILSON'S COMMISSION TO MEET MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson today issued a call for a meeting here Monday of the special commission adopted to investigate wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry. The commission at that time is expected to lay plans for its inquiry which probably will continue several weeks.

Attempt to Steal $40,000 Frustrated After Gun Battle at Bridgewater

WAS GOOD SANTA CLAUS

Mr. Michael Dowd Impersonates Old Gentleman of Reindeer Fame

Santa Claus paid a visit to the clerk's office of the Lowell police court late this afternoon. And most everyone who is connected with the office was there to bid him welcome.

In everyday life they refer to him as plain Michael Dowd of the probation department. But this afternoon they just called him "Santa" and let it go at that. For he was in full holiday regalia, was Michael, even to the flow-

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GIRLS' SCHOOL BURNED

Several Thousand Dollars' Loss Caused by Fire in Worcester School

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—The Girls' Trade school here was damaged by fire today with a loss of several thousand dollars. It is thought the fire started in a pile of soft coal near the boiler. When the firemen reached the building, flames had broken through the roof and the First Unitarian church was in danger. The school building was a three-story brick structure and was formerly used as a dormitory for Worcester Polytechnic Institute under the name of Newton hall. It was leased by the city about six years ago as a trade school for girls.

The school was closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation.

GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS

Russell Convicted of Seditious Conspiracy and Committing Common Nuisance

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—R. B. Russell, charged with seditious conspiracy in connection with the general strike in Winnipeg last May, today was found guilty by a jury on all seven counts in the indictment returned against him.

The first count in the indictment was "seditious conspiracy," the next five were for committing overt acts and the seventh was for "committing a common nuisance."

SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT LOWELL HOMES

At some moment early this evening between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock, Santa Claus will enter upwards of 200 Lowell homes and bring joy to the hearts of more than 500 longing children, who during the past few weeks have written to him through the Santa Claus bureau at the Girls' Community Service club.

Starting at 5 o'clock and continuing at intervals until 5.30, four automobile trucks, furnished by the Hatch Co., Bay State Cotton Corp., Massachusetts mills and the Merrimack Co., will leave the Runels building to cover pre-arranged sections of the city in the job of distribution. The trucks will not be filled to capacity, but four have been secured to consume as little time as possible.

The club girls have found it impossible to mark every individual gift with the name of the child to whom it will go, but each family name appears on the outside of the wrapper and the girls will leave it to the adult members of the families to suitably mark and distribute the presents within the households.

Although the bureau practically closed for the receipt of additional gifts and contributions on Saturday, they still continue to come in. This morning a check for $10 was received from Mrs. Otto Hockmeyer and $5.36 from collections taken at the Crescent Hill association. Five dresses for a seven-year-old girl also were received today. Yesterday several complete infant outfits were received, so in addition to the distribution of toys, many articles of wearing apparel also will be included in Santa Claus' sack.

The club girls found much joy yesterday and today in wrapping up the gifts and arranging them for distribution. It was a big job but they tackled it with a will and enjoyed it almost as much as will the children who receive them.

MR. HARRINGTON OUT OF DANGER

The readers of The Sun will be glad to hear that Mr. John H. Harrington, proprietor of this paper, who has been seriously ill during the last two weeks, is now regarded by his physicians as out of danger and well on the road to recovery, although still quite weak.

No Sun Tomorrow

The Sun wishes all a merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year. In honor of the holiday, all editions of the paper will be suspended tomorrow.

BANDITS FLEE WITHOUT MONEY

Bandits Began Shooting in Attempt To Halt Truck With $40,000 Payroll

Officer on Car Fires Volley From Automatic and Hold-up Men Flee

BRIDGEWATER, Dec. 24.—An attempt to steal the $40,000 payroll of the L. Q. White Co., shoe manufacturers was frustrated today when Benjamin Bowles, a police officer guarding the money, opened fire on four automobile bandits who had held up the pay car. The bandits returned the fire and fled towards Taunton or Boston.

The funds were being taken in a motor truck from the Bridgewater Trust Co., to the White Co.'s factory, the money being safeguarded in an iron box, bolted to the floor of the truck. Earl Graves, a messenger for the White Co., was the driver. Officer Bowles accompanied him as guard.

The holdup took place on Broad st., near the corner of Hale street, where the bandits' car was stopped. The two men remained in the car while two others with sawed-off shotguns and automatic pistols left it and ran toward the motor truck which was moving along Broad street. Shouting to the truck driver to stop, the bandits began shooting and their shots were answered instantly by a volley from Officer Bowles' automatic. The policeman's fire stopped the highwaymen. They dodged behind an electric car and running to their car, jumped in and made their escape. In the excitement of the fusilade, the pay truck collided with a telegraph pole.

According to the police the number on the bandits' car was 011730 and was stolen from a garage in Needham. In this use of a stolen number the methods of the hold-up men was similar to that of the four men who held up and robbed the Randolph Savings bank five weeks ago.

The two men who did the shooting wore dark overcoats and soft hats. One was about five feet six inches in height and the other taller.

The bandits were strangers to this town, in the opinion of officials, but had been looking over the ground preparing for the holdup for a day or two. A garage employe, who witnessed the attempted robbery this morning said he saw two of the men here yesterday.

The White Co. offered a reward of $1000 for the apprehension and conviction of the bandits, a proportionate part to be paid if less than the full band are caught.

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Vegetables:
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Extract from the Courier-Citizen of May 7th, 1919
The CITY INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS, the big subscriber to this loan in this city thus far, raised its million total by taking an additional $200,000 at the Appleton National Bank. The City Institution on top of this is buying the Victory Loan Notes for customers in addition to its subscription, keeping the $1,200,000 in Victory Notes for its own coffers.
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We extend to you all the compliments of the season.

Chalifoux's CORNER

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Local Street Carmen Elect Thomas J. Powers For a Second Term

Thomas J. Powers, a motorman, was re-elected president of the local street carmen's union yesterday, defeating Thomas F. Boyle by 61 votes. Mr. Powers already has served one term as chief executive of the Lowell division. He was also successful in his campaign for the position of delegate to the joint conference board when he had a lead of 45 votes over Edward J. Donnelly.

The polls were open in carmen's hall in the Runels building from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m. and during the day 301 out of 376 members voted. The executive board fight found John Carville, William Sproule, Philip O'Brien, Charles Miller and Thomas McAndrews winning out in that order.

THOMAS J. POWERS

The result of the voting follows:

President, Thomas J. Powers, 195; Thomas F. Boyle, 104. Vice president, Daniel Sullivan, 183; William H. Mahoney, 103. Recording secretary, Jos. Shea, 192; Norman Messer, 95. Financial secretary-treasurer, William Johnson, unopposed, 301. Delegate to the joint conference board in Boston, Thos. J. Powers, 189; Edward J. Donnelly, 104. Board of trustees (first three elected), William Sweeney, 213; Patrick Kiernan, 201; Charles McGuire, 190; J. Sherrin, 99; J. E. Barrett, 92. Correspondent to the Motorman and Conductor, John Graham, unopposed, 301. Executive board (first five elected), John Carville, 188; William Sproule, 170; Philip O'Brien, 161; Charles Miller, 153; Thomas McAndrews, 150; William Brown, 136; John Riordan, 122; Fred Baxter, 120; Christopher Mooney, 106; William Shunny, 171. Janitor, Michael Conaton, unopposed, 301.

AT THE ELIOT CHURCH

Children of the kindergarten and primary grades of the Eliot Union church Sunday school received gifts right from the hands of Santa Claus yesterday, when the annual tree festivities were held in the church vestry. Thomas R. Williams was a typical Santa, even to the long white whiskers and ermine-trimmed scarlet jacket, and his jolly smile welcomed each youngster as he or she joyously approached the tree. Edwin T. Shaw, Sunday school superintendent, and Miss Maude Davis, pastor's assistant, had charge of the program. A ventriloquist entertained the children for a while and bountiful helpings of ice cream and cake brought the happiest sort of an afternoon to a close.

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If a cathartic or laxative is needed, take Hood's Pills,—there is nothing better for biliousness or constipation.

CITY COUNCIL HAS BRIEF SESSION

The municipal council held a three-minute session this morning and discussed only routine matters.

Commissioners Morse and Donnelly were absent when Mayor Thompson called the meeting at 10.10.

The petition of Patrick A. Leahey, for a light opposite 65 State street was referred to Commissioner Murphy.

The petition of James F. Gilligan et al., for the acceptance of Bunker Hill street and the installation of a light there was referred to Commissioner Murphy.

Similar action was taken on the petition of John G. Walsh for a street light in Parker street between Stevens and Wilder streets.

Adjourned at 10.13 until Friday at 10 a. m.

Christmas Day

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Christmas cheer and as far as can be learned, there won't be a single individual in Lowell tomorrow who will not have the means to observe the day fittingly.

The drug stores will close at noon tomorrow to give the clerks a half-holiday. The barber shops will be open this evening but will be closed all day tomorrow. With the exception of confectionery and fruit stores there will be no sign of commercial activity downtown.

The local hotels and restaurants will serve special Christmas dinners during the day and the theatres have arranged programs for the afternoon and evening. Practically every dance hall in the city will be the scene of a Christmas dancing party.

For those athletically inclined there will be polo in the afternoon and boxing in the evening at the Crescent rink in Hurd street. Possibly, if the weather is suitable, there will be skating at Shedd park.

This afternoon the Salvation Army distributed Christmas baskets to poor families of the city and tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a distribution of gifts and fitting exercises around a Christmas tree at the army hall in Jackson street.

C.Y.M.L. Christmas Observance

The Catholic Young Men's Lyceum will have its annual Christmas tree exercises tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Patrick's school hall in Suffolk street. Presents will be distributed and an excellent entertainment program carried out. A hustling committee made up of Timothy Rohan, chairman; James Hossian, William Furey, James Walsh, Arthur Keyes and others, have charge of the affair and a big success is assured.

The Y.M.C.A., Knights of Columbus, Community Service club and other organization will hold open house all day. No special programs have been arranged.

Municipal Christmas Tree

The nucleus of the official Christmas eve celebration tonight will be at the big Christmas tree which has been erected in front of city hall. All that is needed to make the celebration here one of the prettiest affairs of its kind ever witnessed in Lowell is a little geniality on the part of the weather man. The tree has been decked with tiny illuminants which will be lighted

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TWO AVIATORS KILLED

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Dec. 24.—Second Lieut. Herbert Tuchborne of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and Private Alister Lima of San Luis Obispo, Calif., were killed yesterday at March field, the army aviation field near here, when their airplane fell 2000 feet.

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ATTRACTIVE POSITION

Organist at Local Theatre Goes to the Original Strand Circuit

Miss M. Frances Doughty, who for the past 14 months has given unmeasured pleasure to thousands of Lowell people by her artistic efforts as organist at the Strand theatre, will leave Lowell next Saturday evening to assume new duties with one of the largest theatre corporations in the country, the original Strand theatre circuit whose headquarters is in New York and whose theatres cover a territory stretching over the greater part of the east.

Mos Mark, the principal owner and general manager of the Strand theatre of New York, one of the biggest theatrical men in the country, recently heard Miss Doughty play and was very much impressed by her work. So impressed was he that he offered the popular organist a position with his circuit at a price which Miss Doughty had a big part in determining.

MISS M. FRANCES DOUGHTY

The position which Miss Doughty has accepted is one of the most attractive in the profession today and her friends are rejoicing with her over the fact that her abilities have been rewarded so justly. Miss Doughty's playing will be featured among the various houses of the Strand circuit and one of her early engagements will be at the opening of one of the new Strand houses at Albany, N. Y., in the near future.

On next Monday evening Miss Doughty will open her engagement with the Strand circuit in Lynn and it is expected that many of her Lowell friends and admirers will travel to the ocean city to hear her.

Miss Doughty is well fitted for her new position by years of study and practical experience, and her ability, combined with an exceptionally charming personality, has won her a host of friends wherever she has played. Her home is in Boston.

CLUBS WILL CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

Plans are practically completed for the ladies' night to be held at the C.M.A.C. hall in Pawtucket street on New Year's eve. A committee, headed by Albert Guilbault, worked hard to prepare an attractive program and it promises an exceptionally good time for all who will attend. The affair will be for members only and the program will consist of musical numbers, while the entire building will be thrown open to the members of the fair sex. In the course of the evening a luncheon will be served.

Club Lafayette

Club Lafayette will usher in the new year with a stag party for its members. The organization had planned to hold a ladies' night on New Year's eve as a formal opening of the new clubhouse but, owing to the fact that general repairs, which started in the building a short time ago are not completed, the affair has been postponed to the middle of January. A special program will be given for the members, however, and luncheon will be served.

A Mother's Letter

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1st Age. "First the infant in the nurse's arms"

"Words fail I express how grateful I am to Horlick's Malted Milk. My babe was given up; it was said she would not live through the night. But the next morning it still lived, and while we anxiously watched it, a neighbor persuaded us to try 'Horlick's.' It was like putting oil on the wick of a dying lamp; she improved rapidly, and is now the joy of the house"

3d Age. "Then the soldier seeking reputation at the cannon's mouth"

"Clara Barton of the Red Cross in her stories of the Spanish-American War tells how Colonel Roosevelt asked the Red Cross to sell him some supplies for some sick men in his regiment, but she declined. 'We cannot sell them, but you can have them for asking.' 'Oh, then I do ask for them.' 'All right, what is on your list?' The list was Horlick's Malted Milk, etc. Colonel Roosevelt slung the heavy sack over his shoulder, and trudged off through the jungle"

2d Age. "Then the school boy with his shining morning face"

"I raised five children on 'Horlick's,' and they all love it still. It can't be beat as a nutritious lunch between meals for a growing boy or girl"

4th Age. "And then the lover with his ballad"

"Horlick's growth as a fountain favorite has been marvelous. A constant stream of young couples in the afternoon and evening call for Horlick's Malted Milk, chocolate or plain. 'Horlick's' is a favorite lunch hour drink around universities with the students. A glass making a meal, they find it very economical and healthful"

5th Age. "And then the justice full of wise saws"

"When I need an invigorator as the result of my work I drink a cup of 'Horlick's.' I have used it constantly for several years, and find it cannot be beat for weak stomach, as a diet. In fact, it is all that is claimed for it"

6th Age. "The sixth age with spectacles on nose"

"I am 80 years old, and consider it a fortunate day when a friend induced me to try a cup of Horlick's Malted Milk. I use it with benefit and pleasure two or three times a day. It is delicious and has done me a world of good"

7th Age. "Last scene of all that ends this eventful history"

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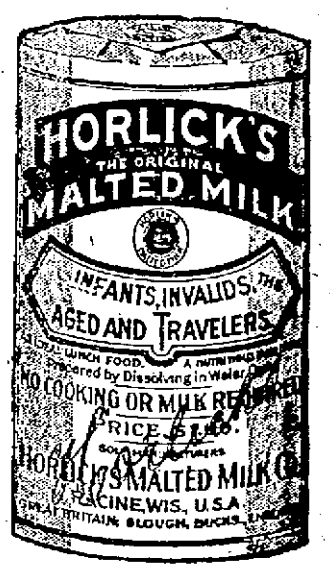

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by Olive Roberts Barton.

IN THE SPIDER'S WEB

Nancy and Nick were caught in the spider's web when they were out hunting for Jocko, their lost toy monkey. They had lost their magic green shoes, which was too bad, because they were as little as ants, and now they couldn't wish themselves big again. But as the mushroom in Nancy's pocket said, "They must be brave and patient," and they were trying to be both.

"Here's the spider now," said Nick, peeping through the grass. "She's coming back. She's found our green shoes, and she's got 'em on!"

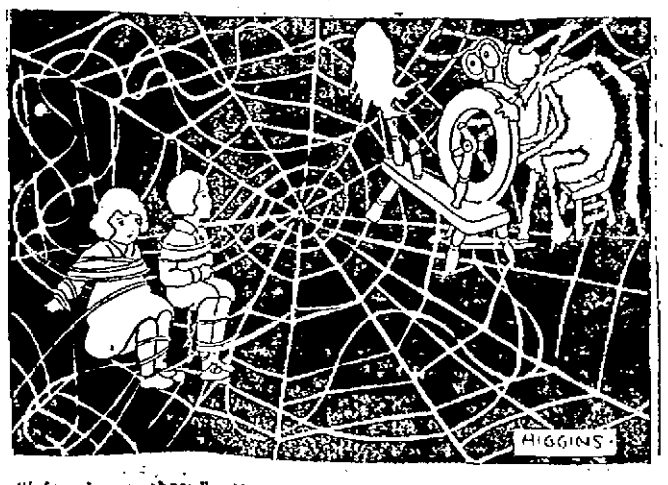
Sure enough—along came the spider, looking as proud as a peacock.

"Better be careful she doesn't wish to be big, as long as she has the shoes on, children," whispered the mushroom. "She might get as big as a cow."

Just then the spider arrived.

"I found your shoes," she said, "but I think I'll keep them. I've always wanted some green shoes, and they just fit me, too." And she brushed off a speck of dust.

"I wish—" she began, when the twins cried, "Oh, don't, please!"



"I found your shoes," said the spider, "but I think I'll keep them. I've always wanted some green shoes, and they just fit me, too."

She looked very much astonished, but started again, "I've always wished—"

"Oh, please don't," they begged again.

"Well, I declare, what old bugs you are—or flies, which is it?"

"We're children," said Nancy.

"Indeed! Well, children, I couldn't find an ant and I'm hungry, so I think I'll be having dinner." And her eyes glittered as she came toward them.

But what do you think happened? She couldn't walk in the web with those shoes. They slipped whenever she took a step, so she had to take them off.

Quick as a wink the twins grabbed them and put them on. "Please make us big," they said. "And in a twinkling they were their proper size again and the spider was nowhere to be seen.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY IN CHELMSFORD

The young people of the Central Congregational church in Chelmsford were tendered a Christmas party yesterday afternoon, the affair, which was attended by about 60 boys and girls, being held in the vestry of the church. A varied entertainment program was given under the direction of Mrs. Allen Gould and Mrs. A. G. Scoboria, while games were also played. Those present were visited by Santa Claus, who presented them appropriate gifts and candy.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the Sunday school classes above the primary department met and enjoyed a most delightful playlet entitled "Why the Chimes Rang," those taking part being Donald W. Farrington, Adams B. Dutton, Miss Hazel McKinley, Harold Linstad, Harold Boyd, Elmer Petrie, Isabel Warren, Roger Boyd, Evelyn Boyd, Herbert Giles and Laura Richardson. The affair was given under the direction of Mrs. John G. Lovell.

PLAN TO TRAIN NEW FIREMEN

In anticipation of the installation of the double platoon system here in Lowell next February and the preliminary training necessary for the new firemen who are to be added to the force, Chief Edward F. Saunders today sent four of his officers to the firemen's training school in Boston to get pointers for the instruction they are later to give the new men who come into the local department.

The four men who were sent were District Chief Crowley, District Chief Saunders, Captain Burns of Engine 6 and Captain Conway of Truck 3. They received one lesson at 10 o'clock this morning and another at 3 p. m. These officers will give instruction to new men who are to enter the department the first of the year.

CHECK FOR FIREMEN

The Adams' Paint & Hardware Co., whose store in Middlesex street was gutted by fire yesterday afternoon, today forwarded a check for $50 to Chief Edward F. Saunders of the fire department to be credited to the Lowell Firemen's fund, in appreciation of the work done by the department yesterday.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Elaborate Christmas Musical Programs in Catholic Churches

Christmas music of the usual high standard and beauty will be a feature of the observance of the great holiday tomorrow by the local Catholic churches. The choir director in every church in the city has prepared an elaborate program, embracing the traditional Christmas hymns and carols and with augmented choirs this year's music should add immeasurably to the happy spirit of Christmas day.

The most elaborate programs will be carried out at the late mass in each parish but there will also be special Christmas music at the early masses Vesper services will be held in the afternoon and evening and again special music will be a feature.

The programs to be carried out in the local Catholic churches tomorrow will be as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. O'Brien, P.R.
Solemn High Mass, 11 o'clock
Processional, With Heart Truly Grateful ..... Traditional
Introit, Puer Natus ..... G. Capocci
Sanctury Choir
Mass, St. Cecilia ..... Chas. Gounod
(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei)
Church Choir
Gradual, Viderunt omnes,
J. Falkenstien
Offertory, Tui sunt Coeli...J. B. Tresch
Sanctuary Choir
Motett, Nato Nobis.....Van Reyschoot
Church Choir
Communion, Viderunt...J. Falkenstien
Recessional, Carols ..... Arundel
Sanctuary Choir
Responses by Sanctuary choir of 80 voices, Brother Nilus, director.
Church quartet: Miss Alice Murphy, soprano; Mrs. James Morris, contralto; Mr. John McNabb, tenor; Mr. Andrew A. McCarthy, baritone, assisted by Mr. D. S. O'Brien, bass, a chorus of 25 voices and M. J. Johnson at the organ.
Solemn Vespers, 4 o'clock
Processional, With Hearts Truly Grateful. .....
Sanctury Choir
Psalms and antiphons of the Feast sung antiphonally by church and sanctuary choirs from Bristow and plain chant.
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor.....D. Mueller
Church Choir
Magnificat ..... Webbe
Church and Sanctuary Choirs
Alma Redemptoris.
Soloist, Thomas A. Delmore
Sanctuary Choir
Benediction, Ave Verum,
J. Falkenstien
Tenor Obligato and Chorus
Motett, Nato Nobis .....Van Reyschoot
Tantum Ergo ..... Lambillotte
Church Choir
Laudate Dominum .
Recessional, Carols ..... Arundel
Sanctuary Choir

The children's choir under the direction of the Sisters of Notre Dame academy will sing Christmas carols at the 8.30 mass. At the offertory Miss Frances Tighe will sing "O Holy Night," by Adam. Mr. John J. Kelty will be the organist.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Rev. Daniel J. Keleher, Ph.D., Pastor
Processional, Prelude .....Lemmens
Introit, Puer Natus Est....Scheideman
Kyrie, Missa Benedicamus Domino, Perosi
Gloria, Missa Benedicamus Domino, Perosi
Gradual, Viderunt Omnes.....Caturan
Credo, Missa Benedicamus Domino, Perosi
Offertory, Tui Sunt Coeli.....Caturan
Noel ..... Adam
Miss Mae C. Rynne
Sanctus
Benedictus, Missa Benedicamus Domino Perosi
Agnus Dei, Missa Benedicamus Domino Perosi
Communio, Viderunt Omnes:...Caturan
Recessional, Adeste Fideles.....Novello
Miss Florence M. Hague
Soloists: Miss Sadie Sheehan, Mr. James Donnelly, Mr. Lawrence Delaney.
Organist: Miss Gertrude M. Quigley.
Director: Rev. Peter T. Linehan.
Evening Service
Processional, Christmas Hymn, Cardinal O'Connell
Mr. James Donnelly
Solemn Vespers
Noel ..... Adam
Miss Mae C. Rynne
O Salutaris ..... Charles Wels
Ave Verum
Miss Lauretta C. Barry
Tantaum.Us..D.....den,O
Tantum Ergo ..... Eduardo Marzo
Laudate
Recessional, Adeste Fideles....Novello
Miss Florence M. Hague
Organist: Miss Gertrude M. Quigley.
Director: Rev. Peter T. Linehan.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Moore Street
Rev. John P. Flynn, O.M.I., Pastor.
Solemn High Mass, 11 O'Clock
Prelude, Triumphal March....Flagler
Organ.
Processional Hymn:
See Amid The Winter's Snow....Abt
Introitus, Puer natus est..Gregorian
Chancel Choir.
Kyrie, Weber's Mass in G.....Weber
Gloria, Weber's Mass in G.....Weber
Church Choir.
Graduale, "Viderunt omnes" Gregorian
Veni Creator .....Gregorian
Chancel Choir.
Credo, "Weber's Mass in G"....Weber
Church Choir.
Offertory, "Nato Nobis Salvatore"
Van Reyschoot
Church Choir.
Soloist, John F. McMahon.
Sanctus, Weber's Mass in G....Weber
Benedictus, Weber's Mass in G..Weber
Agnus Dei, Weber's Mass in G..Weber
Church Choir.
Communion, Adeste Fideles.
Recessional Hymn:
Angels From Your Realms of Glory, Abt
Chancel Choir.
Postlude, "The Lord is Great," Mendelssohn
Church Choir.
Soloists in the mass: Miss Catherine Sharkey, Mrs. Russell Codet, Mr. John McMahon and Mr. George Kirwin.
Vesper Service, 6.30 P. M.
Organ Prelude:
Largo from "Xerxes".....Handel
Meditation .....Lanigre
Offertoire in Dominor.....Lott
Processional Hymn:
"'Twas in the Winter Cold," Mazzinger
Chancel Choir.
Tenor Solo and Chorus, "Nato Nobis Salvatore" .....Van Reyschoot
Church Choir.
Soloist, John McMahon.

THE OLD, OLD STORY

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people.

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Quartet, "Divine Praises"..C. Elliott
Church Quartet.
Adeste Fideles,
Chancel Choir.
Solemn Benediction.
Ave Verum .....A. Guilmant
Church Choir.
Soprano Solo and Chorus, "O Holy Night" ..... Adam
Church Quartet.
Tantum Ergo ..... Rossi
Church Choir.
Adoramus Dominum .....Gregorian
Laudate .....Gregorian
Recessional Hymn, "In the Lowly Manger Lying."
Chancel Choir.
Postlude, "The Lord is Great." Mendelssohn
Church Choir.
Church choir of 40 voices assisted by chancel choir of 50 voices will sing at morning and evening services. Church quartet: Miss Catherine Sharkey, soprano; Mrs. Russell Godet, contralto; Mr. John McMahon, tenor; Mr. George Kirwin, bass. Organist and director, Mr. John J. Kelty.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Rev. Lawrence Tighe, Pastor
Solemn High Mass, 11 A. M.
Processional
Sanctuary Choir
Introit ..... G. Capocci
Kyrie ..... Gounod, St. Cecilia
Gloria ..... Gounod, St. Cecilia
Graduale ..... J. Falkenstein
Credo ..... Gounod
Offertory ..... J. B. Tresch
Noel ..... Van Reyschoot
Sanctus ..... Gounod
Benedictus ..... Gounod
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Agnus Dei ..... Gounod
Communion ..... J. Falkenstein
Recessional
Sanctuary Choir
Evening Service
Solemn Vespers at 6.30
Processional
Sanctuary Choir
Psalms ..... Gregorian
Hymn of Day ..... Mozart
Magnificat ..... Emmerich
Christmas Carols
Sung by Children
O Salutaris ..... Gounod
Tantum Ergo ..... Rossini
Recessional
Sanctuary Choir
Soloists: Misess Moody, McManus, McQudae, McCaffery and Messrs. King, Kane, Gookin. Assisted by a choir of 60 voices. Mrs. Hugh Walker, organist; Mr. William L. Gookin, director.

ST. MICHAEL'S

Rev. John J. Shaw, Pastor
Solemn Mass at 11 A. M.
Solemn Vespers at 7 P. M.

The musical portion of the services, morning and evening, will be sung by the church quartet and chorus, assisted by the chancel choir (vested) of 50 boys and men, who will sing the Christmas carols, processionals, motets and responses.

The quartet: Mrs. James A. Murphy, soprano; Miss Margaret Griffin, contralto; Mr. Thomas P. Bouliger, bass; Mr. James A. Murphy, tenor.
Miss Ella M. Reilly, organist.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

Rev. Charles J. Galligan, Rector
HIGH MASS AT 11 A. M.
Organ Prelude, "March of the Magi" Dubois
Kyrie, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Gloria, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Credo, Mass in G.....Rosewig
"Ave Maria" .....Dorn
Miss Katherine V. Hennessey
Sanctus, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Benedictus, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Agnus Dei, Mass in G.....Rosewig
Organ postlude, "Adeste Fideles" Gettings
Vesper Service at 4 p. m.
Organ Prelude, "Pastorale"....Batiste
Gregorian Psalms:
Dixit Dominus
Confitebor Tibi
Beatus Vir
De Profundis.
Memento Domine.
"Jesu Redemptor Omnium" ....Mueller
Magnificat ..... Webbe
Alma Redemptoris .....Webbe
Alma Redemptoris .....Webbe
Benediction: "O Salutaris"....Rossini
"Tantum Ergo" .....Palestrina
Organ postlude, "Grand Chorus" Batiste

The solos in the mass and at vespers will be sustained by Miss Katherine V. Hennessey, Miss Lillian Sullivan, Mrs. James F. Gaffney, Miss Bertha Coutu, sopranos; Mrs. Arthur McQuaid, Miss Catherine McEvoy, Miss Etta Hennessey, contraltos; Mr. John F. Roane, Mr. Arthur McQuaid, Mr. John Buckley, tenors; Mr. William F. Burns, Mr. Frank McCarthy, basses. John F. McGlinchey will be the organist.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH

High Mass at 10.30 A. M.
Processional Marche.....E. A. Batiste
Prelude ..... Reed
Asperges ..... Wergrze
Kyrie .....Turner's St. Cecilia
Gloria .....Kunza
Credo ..... Kunza
Choir
Offertory, Adeste Fideles
Miss Frances Tighe, Miss Gertrude Kennedy, Miss Madeline Mayo.
Sanctus .....Turner's St. Cecilia
Benedictor .....Turner's St. Cecilia
Agnus Del .....Turner's St. Cecilia
Choir
Recessional Marc .....Reed
Evening Services, 7.30
Processional Marche
Prelude, Meditation .....Morrison
"O Holy Night"
Miss Frances Tighe
O Salutaris .....Wergner
Tantum Ergo.....Wergner
Choir
"Holy God"
Choir
Recessional Marche
Organist, Miss Katherine Wholey.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 o'Clock
Processional, Grand March
A Tannhaeuser
Orchestra
Mass, Haydn's Third Mass in B with organ and orchestra accompaniment.
Soloists: Mrs. Telesphore Malo, Miss Antoinette Alexandre, Miss Rose Lussier, Miss Evelyn Benoit, Miss Beata Gendreau, Miss Blanche Larue, Miss Stella Latour, Messrs. Ernest J. Dupont, Fred Venner, Edgar Montmarquette, Arthur Leveille.
Offertory, "Noel.".....A. Adam
Soloist, Mr. Ernest J. Dupont, with orchestra and organ accompaniment
Recessional, "La Reine de Sabath"
Orchestra
Miss Lena B. Camire, organist; Mr. Henri Lavigneur, orchestra director; Mr. Telesphore Malo, choir director.

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES

High Mass at 10 O'Clock
Mass in G .....Weber
Vidistis Pastores .....B. Hamma
(Christmas Hymn.)
Vespers
Magnificat ..... Lambillotte
Vidistis Pastores .....B. Hamma
Ave Velum .....J. Falkenstein
Tantum Ergo .....Chas. Gounod
Director: Mr. Rene Delys; organist, Miss Della Lavigne; soloists: Misses M. Turgeon, E. Gaudette, B. Levesque, Mrs. C. Cote, Miss Y. Montmarquet, Mr. J. Gaudette, Mr. R. Delys.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Solemn Pontifical High Mass at 10 O'Clock
Processional:
Adeste Fideles .....M. A. Portugal
Introit ..... Tozer
Kyrie and Gloria .....Bishop da Silva
Gradual ..... Tozer
Credo ..... Bishop da Silva
Hodie Notis de Cielo, offertory.
J. Marques
Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei.
Bishop da Silva
Communion ..... Tozer
Recessional, Quem vidistis, Pastores.
Bishop da Silva
Evening Service at 7 O'Clock
Solemn Vespers and Benediction.
Processional, Nato nobis Salvatore,
D van Reysschoot
Psalms, Dixit Dominus, Confitebor tibi Domine and Beatus vir,
J. A. Korman
De Profundis and Memento, Domine David .....Gregorian
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor Omnium,
Frank Abt
Magnificat ..... Lambillotte
O Salutaris and Tantum Ergo.
Bishop da Silva

Soloists—Sopranos: Mrs. J. H. Donnelly, Mrs. M. Mooney, Miss Ellen Lynch; Contraltos: Misses Mary Mack and Mary Santos; tenors: Mr. John Dalton, Mr. Charles Panton, Mr. James King; baritones: Mr. Walter Mack and Mr. J. Cummins; organist, Miss Marie J. C. O'Donnell; violinists, Mr. Chas. H. O'Donnell, Mr. Raymond P. Bourgeois; bass, Mr. G. W. Gilmore; director, Prof. Fred G. Bord.

Christmas Day

Continued

at dusk this evening and will continue lighted until midnight. The windows of city hall will be illuminated with Christmas candles and Christmas wreaths are hanging from each window. Surmounting the Christmas tree itself is a large star that will glow with a cheery brilliance as soon as darkness strikes the city.

The exercises at the tree are scheduled to be of a happy nature. The U. S. Cartridge Co. band will give a brief overture promptly at 8 o'clock and then Mayor Perry D. Thompson will extend the greetings of the season. From then on Albert Edmund Brown, Lowell's premier community singing leader, will be in charge of the program and will lead the thousands who are expected to be present through the happy notes of Christmas carols. Several hundred choir singers and members of the choral society have promised to assist Mr. Brown and the volume of harmony that will rise up in the open air should be most impressive.

Broadway Christmas Tree

A competitor for Christmas eve honors with the municipal celebration will be the observance to be staged this evening by the Broadway Social and Athletic club. This organization has erected a large Christmas tree on the lot opposite its rooms in Broadway and this will be lighted promptly at 8 o'clock. As soon as the municipal celebration at city hall is over the Broadway program will be carried out. Commissioner Dennis A. Murphy will extend the greetings of the season and there will also be remarks by Mayor Thompson. There will be selections by a band and then will come carol singing by all present.

Following the outdoor program the club will hold open house and there will be entertainment features galore. Everybody in the Broadway district is invited to attend.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree for the children. Hundreds of toys and pounds of candy have been prepared for distribution.

Y.M.C.I. Christmas Tree

Members of the Y.M.C.I. will hold their annual Christmas tree celebration tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 in their hall in Stackpole street and this year's affair is scheduled to outrival all previous ones as far as elaboration and happy spirit are concerned.

The program will include songs, stories and the distribution of Christmas presents. Santa Claus will be played by Frank McCartin and he will be assisted by William Harrington. The committee in charge has arranged many surprises for the occasion.

CHRISTMAS EVE

"How do you suppose Santa Claus ever can come down this chimney?"

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— AND A —
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Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children

Edited by Joseph Bucklin Bishop

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In leaving the United States for his trip to Panama, President Roosevelt shattered a tradition of the White House. He was the first president to leave this country while in office; the first to enter a foreign country; the first to visit a dependency of the United States. At this time he was putting forward his simplified spelling ideas, in the face of much opposition. In fact, Theodore Roosevelt seemed to be attracted most to causes in which he was certain to encounter vigorous antagonism.—The Editor.

Names of the Guns

On Board U. S. S. Louisiana,
Sunday, Nov. 11, 1906.

Blessed Archie:

I wish you were along with us, for you would thoroughly enjoy everything on this ship. We have had three days of perfect weather, while this great battleship with her two convoys, the great armored cruisers, Tennessee and Washington, have steamed steadily in column ahead southward through calm seas until now we are in the tropics. They are three as splendid ships of their class as there are afloat, save only the English dreadnaught. The Louisiana now has her gun-sights and everything is all in good shape for her to begin practice of the duties which will make her crew as fit for man-of-war's work as the crew of any one of our other first-class battleships. The men are such splendid-looking fellows, Americans of the best type, young, active, vigorous with lots of intelligence. I was much amused at the names of the seven-inch guns, which include Victor, Invincible, Peacemaker, altogether with Skidoo, and also one called Todd and one called The Big Stick.

Reflections on the Way

On Board U. S. S. Louisiana,

Dear Kermit:

So far this trip has been a great success, and I think mother has really enjoyed it. As for me, I of course feel a little bored, as I always do on shipboard, but I have brought on a great variety of books, and am at this moment reading Milton's prose works, "Tacitus," and a German novel called "Jorn Uhl." Mother and I walk briskly up and down the deck together, or else sit aft under the awning, or in the after cabin, with the gun ports open, and read; and I also spend a good deal of time on the forward bridge and of course have gone over the ship to inspect it with the captain. It is a splendid thing to see one of these men-of-war, and it does really make one proud of one's country. Both the officers and the enlisted men are as fine a set as one could wish to see.

It is a beautiful sight, these three great warships standing southward in close columns, and almost as beautiful at night when we see not only the lights, but the loom through the darkness of the ships astern. We are now in the tropics and I have thought a good deal of the time over eight years ago when I was sailing to Santiago in the fleet of warships and transports. It seems a strange thing to think of my now being president, going to visit the work of the Panama Canal which I have made possible.

Mother, very pretty and dainty in white summer clothes, came up on Sunday morning to see inspection and review, or whatever they call it, of the men. I usually spend half an hour on deck before mother is dressed. Then we breakfast together alone; have also taken lunch alone, but at dinner have two or three officers to dine with us. Doctor Rixey is along, and is a perfect dear, as always.

Events Since Columbus' Discovery

Nov. 14.

The fourth day out was in some respects the most interesting. All the forenoon we had Cuba on our right and most of the forenoon and part of the afternoon Hayti on our left; and in each case green, jungly shores and bold mountains—two great, beautiful, venomous tropic islands. These are historic seas and mother and I have kept thinking of all that has happened in them since Columbus landed at San Salvador (which we also saw), the Spanish explorers, the buccaneers, the English and Dutch sea-dogs and adventurers, the great English and French fleets, the desperate fighting, the triumphs, the pestilence, of all the turbulence, the splendor and the wickedness, and the hot, evil, riotous life of the old planters and slave-owners, Spanish, French, English and Dutch;—their extermination of the Indians and bringing in of negro slaves, the decay of most of the islands, the turning of Hayti into a land of savage negroes, who have reverted to voodooism and cannibalism; the effort we are now making to bring Cuba and Porto Rico forward.

Today is calm and beautiful, as all the days have been on our trip. We have just sighted the highest land of Panama ahead of us, and we shall be at anchor by 2 o'clock this afternoon; just a little less than six days from the time we left Washington.

Pride in America

On Board U.S.S. Louisiana,
Nov. 14.

Dear Ted:

I am very glad to have taken this trip, although as usual I am bored by the sea. Everything has been smooth as possible, and it has been lovely having mother along. It gives me great pride in America to be aboard this great battleship and to see not only the material perfection of the ship herself in engines, guns and all arrangements, but the fine quality of the officers and crew. Have you ever read Smollett's novel, I think "Roderick Random" or "Humphrey Clinker," in which the hero goes to sea? It gives me an awful idea of what a floating hell of filth, disease, tyranny and cruelty a warship was in those days. Now every arrangement is as clean and healthful as possible. The men can bathe and do battle as often as cleanliness requires. Their fare is excellent and they are as self-respecting a set as can be imagined. I am no great believer in the superiority of times past; and I have no question that the officers and men of our navy now are in point of fighting capacity better than in the times of Drake and Nelson; and morally and in physical surroundings the advantage is indefinitely in our favor.

It was delightful to have you two or three days at Washington. Blessed old fellow, you had a pretty hard time in college this fall; but it can't be helped, Ted; as one grows older the bitter and the sweet keep coming together. The only thing to do is to grin and bear it, to flinch as little as possible under the punishment, and to keep negging steadily away until the luck turns.

What the President Saw at Panama

U.S.S. Louisiana,
At Sea, Nov. 20, 1906.

Dear Kermit:

Our visit to Panama was most successful as well as most interesting. We were there three days and we worked from morning till night. The second day I was up at a quarter to 6 and got to bed at a quarter to 12, and I do not believe that in the intervening time, save when I was dressing, there were 10 consecutive minutes when I was not busily at work in some shape or form. For two days there were uninterrupted tropic rains without a glimpse of the sun, and the Chagres river rose in a flood, higher than any for 15 years; so that we saw the climate at its worst. It was just what I desired to do.

It certainly adds to one's pleasure to have read history and to appreciate the picturesque. When on Wednesday we approached the coast, and the jungle-covered mountains looked clearer and clearer until we could see the surf beating on the shores, while there was hardly a sign of human habitation, I kept thinking of the four centuries of wild and bloody romance, mixed with abject squalor and suffering, which had made up the history of the isthmus until three years ago. I could see Balboa crossing the Darien, and the wars between the Spaniards and the Indians, and the settlement and the building up of the quaint walled Spanish towns; and the trade, across the seas by galleon, and over land by pack-train and river canoe, in gold and silver, in precious stones; and then the advent of the buccaneers, and of the English seamen, of Drake and Frobisher and Morgan, and many, many others, and the wild destruction they wrought. Then I thought of the rebellion against the Spanish dominion, and the uninterrupted and bloody wars that followed, the last occurring when I became president; wars, the victorious heroes of which have their pictures frescoed on the quaint rooms of the palace at Panama city, and in similar palaces in all capitals of these strange, turbulent little half-caste civilizations. Meanwhile the Panama railroad had been built by Americans over a half century ago, with appalling loss of life, so that it is said, of course, with exaggeration, that every sleeper laid represented the death of a man. Then the French canal company started work, and for two or three years did a good deal, until it became evident that the task far exceeded its powers; and then to miscalculation and inefficiency was added the hideous greed of adventurers, trying each to save something from the general wreck, and the company closed with infamy and scandal.

Now we have taken hold of the job. We have difficulties with our own people, of course. I haven't a doubt that it will take a little longer and cost a little more than men now appreciate, but I believe that the work is being done with a very high degree both of efficiency and honesty; and I am immensely struck by the character of American employes who are engaged, not merely in superintending the work, but in doing all the jobs that need skill and intelligence. The steam shovels, the dirt trains, the machine shops, and the like, are all filled with American engineers, conductors, machinists, boilermakers, carpenters. From the top to the bottom these men are so handy, so efficient, so energetic that it is a real pleasure to look at them. Stevens, the head engineer, is a big fellow, man of daring and good sense, and burly power. All of these men are quite as formidable, and would, if it were necessary, do quite as much in battle as the crews of Drake and Morgan; but as it is, they are doing a work of infinitely more lasting consequence. Nothing whatever remains to show what Drake and Morgan did. They produced no real effect down here, but Stevens and his men are changing the face of the continent, are doing the greatest engineering feat of the ages, and the effect of their work will be felt while our civilization lasts. I went over everything that I could possibly go over in the time at my disposal. I examined the quarters of married and single men, white men and negroes. I went over the ground of the Gatun and La Boca dams; went through Panama and Colon, and spent a day in the Culebra cut, where the great work is being done. There the huge steam-shovels are hard at it; scooping huge masses of rock and gravel and dirt previously loosened by the drillers and dynamite blasters, loading it on trains which take it away to some dump, either in the jungle or where the dams are to be built. They are eating steadily into the countain, cutting it down and down. Little tracks are laid on the side-hills, rocks blasted out, and the great 95-ton steam-shovels work up like mountain howitzers until they come to where they can with advantage begin their work of eating into and destroying the mountainside. With intense energy, men and machines do their task, the white men supervising matters and handling the machines, while the tens of thousands of black men do the rough manual labor where it is not worth while to have machines do it. It is an epic feat, and one of immense significance.

The deluge of rain meant that many of the villages were knee-deep in water, while the flooded rivers tore through the tropic forests. It is a real tropic forest, palms and bananas, breadfruit trees, bamboos, lofty ceibas, and gorgeous butterflies and brilliant colored birds fluttering among the orchids. There are beautiful flowers, too.

All my old enthusiasm for natural history seemed to revive, and I would have given a good deal to have stayed and tried to collect specimens. It would be a good hunting country, too; deer, and now and then jaguars and tapir, and great birds that they call wild turkeys; there are alligators in the rivers. One of the trained nurses from a hospital went to bathe in a pool last August and an alligator grabbed him by the legs and was making off with him, but was fortunately scared away, leaving the man badly injured.

I tramped everywhere through the mud. Mother did not do the roughest work, and had time to see more of the really picturesque and beautiful side of the life, and really enjoyed herself.

P. S.—The Gatun dam will make a lake miles long, and the railroad now goes on what will be the bottom of this lake, and it was curious to think that in a few years great ships would be floating in water 100 feet above where we were.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—New York's final day of Christmas shopping started today with a rush that promised to exceed even the record-breaking business of yesterday.

Never before in the history of the city has there been such widely distributed prosperity.

Christmas bonuses distributed by firms in the financial district were estimated today to aggregate $50,000,000. Employes of corporations, banks and brokerage firms in many cases received double the bonuses of last year. The gifts varied from 10 per cent to 100 per cent of the recipients' salaries.

Among the firms which had not announced gifts until today was the United States Rubber Co. Col. Samuel P. Colt, chairman, and C. B. Seger, president of the concern, announced that all employes receiving less than $2000 would receive $200. About 7500 persons will benefit.

The Lincoln Trust Co., the Irving Trust Co. and the Merchants National bank each announced a 25 per cent bonus. Twenty per cent was announced by the Union Exchange bank and the Mercantile Trust Co.

In some institutions a bonus was given in addition to a general increase in salaries. Banking institutions, department stores and other commercial houses in Brooklyn, also are giving large bonuses to employes this year.

TO "DOCTOR" ALCOHOL

Men Planned To Color 150 Barrels and Sell It as Whiskey

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Three men, two of them dealers in grain alcohol, and the other a salesman of barbers' supplies, today were under technical arrest and the federal district attorney's office had started an investigation of several officials of the internal revenue department. It was charged the men sought to bribe deputy internal revenue collectors to permit them to color and flavor 150 barrels of alcohol and sell it as whiskey.

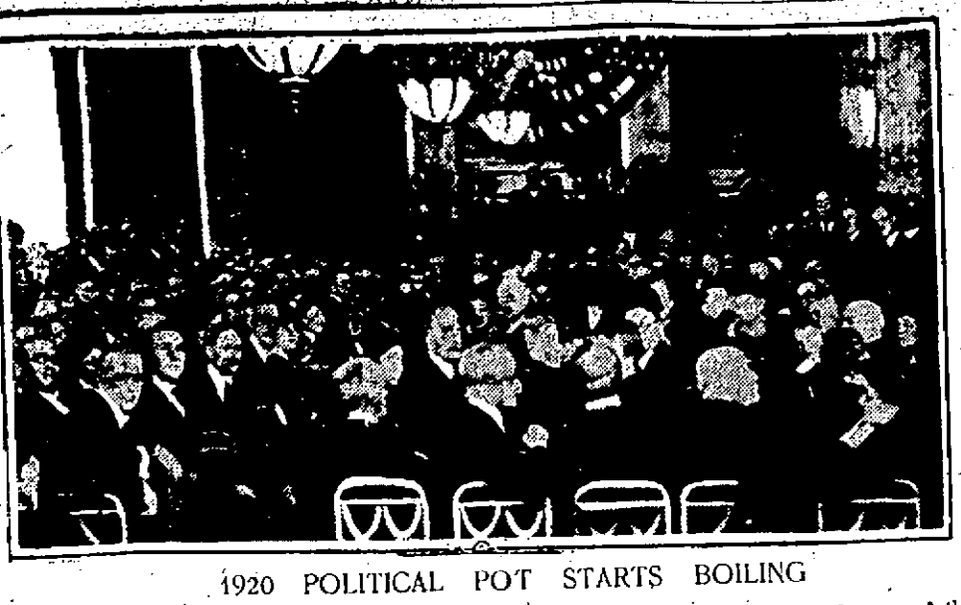
WAGE INCREASE

$5 a Week to 35,000 Garment Workers

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Wage increases averaging $5 weekly, have been granted the approximately 35,000 men's garment workers in Chicago, it became known today. About $2.50 was added to the production cost of a suit of clothes, employers estimated, although the union men claimed that the cost to the wearer should not be increased, inasmuch as the increases were figured into prices set last fall for next summer's clothes.

CASE RECONTINUED

Charged with operating a motorcycle in a manner to endanger the lives and safety of the public, Joseph Regan, arraigned in police court several weeks ago in connection with an accident on Westford street in which John Rinehardt, a local fireman, was seriously injured, was called on continuance in police court today and the case against him again continued until January 14. The reason given for the continuance is that Rinehardt has not yet recovered from his injuries.



1920 POLITICAL POT STARTS BOILING

The National Republican committee held its quadrennial meeting in the red room of the Hotel Willard, at Washington, on December 10, and made the first organized political move of the 1920 presidential campaign by selecting Chicago as the meeting place of the republican convention to select a candidate for president.

ACCUSED OF MURDER

Mrs. James Blake, who reported last Friday that her son, "Buddy," had been kidnapped from her by two negroes, has been placed under arrest charged with the murder of the boy. The boy's body was washed ashore Sunday near Ventnor, N. J., and the authorities believe that Mrs. Blake, while temporarily insane over the separation from her husband, thinking that the death of "Buddy" might reconcile them, threw the boy from the end of the pier. The upper picture shows Mrs. Blake and the two lower, Blake and "Buddy."

THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS SANTA CLAUS TO 250,000 ARMENIAN ORPHANS

IRANEH ESTHER ARAXIE AZGAPETIAN

N. E. A. Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus has a new assistant this year. She is as pretty as her name is long and that you may judge how attractive she is, here is her name—Iranch Esther Araxie Azgapetian.

She is only three years old, yet she is helping Santa Claus with one of the biggest jobs he has on his hands this year. She is his official representative in this country on behalf of the 250,000 Armenian orphans who have been left homeless and hungry in the war-swept countries of the near east.

"My name is as long as the tail of a cat," admits the little miss, "but I hope it is not too long for all the little American friends of Santa Claus effendi to remember."

She is the daughter of a brave Armenia general, who was in the Russian service. With her mother, Lady Anne Azgapetian, she has recently come to America to raise her tiny voice on behalf of the stricken Armenian people, more than a million of whom are destitute and dependent upon the services of the Near East Relief, 1 Madison avenue, New York, for food and shelter until the next harvest comes. Under the auspices of this organization, which was recently incorporated by act of congress, the little girl will visit every state in the Union between now and February to help raise the $34,000,000 which is necessary to help keep the Armenian race alive.

Although she has heard much of the American Christmas and Santa Claus, and although she is looking forward eagerly to seeing a real Christmas tree for the first time, she is subdued, at most times sad, thoughtful little lady whose childish prattle is given over to wondering queries regarding the fate of the other little girls and boys in her country who will not have any Christmas unless America quickly responds to their cries for help.

Nor is this to be wondered at, for she was born in a Russian army hospital under fire of Turkish guns, where her mother had been serving as an army nurse. Therefore Araxie, as she is called for short, never starts at unusual noises. Neither does she cry for sweets or toys. Her first three years of life spent among scenes of suffering, she presents the character of a stoic.

"She was a real Red Cross baby," says Lady Azgapetian, her mother and wife of General Mezrop Azgapetian. "She was decidedly red and very cross when she was born, but perhaps it was not to be wondered at. Few babies are born amidst shell and rifle fire, cold and hunger, and not be cross."

"As for my own ordeal, it was nothing. My husband and I had given up everything and after my baby was born amid battle and Bolshevism had disintegrated the Russian armies, we decided the only aid possible for our perishing country and people must come from America.

"We shall have a real American Christmas, for it would be too long to await Christmas in the Armenian calendar. And if my little baby, by her appeals, can bring aid more swiftly for our people in Armenia, and the thousands of orphans in particular, it will be a very happy Christmas for us."

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ORIENTAL MYSTERY

The mystery in the slaying of three members of the Chinese educational mission to this country in Washington, D. C., about a year ago, may be solved soon. Ziang Sun Wan, a Chinese student of New York, who visited the members of the mission in Washington, is now on trial charged with the murder.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come:

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The proverbial good cheer of Christmastide is being served on the bill at the B. F. Keith Theatre, this week. A well-balanced, most-likable combination of acts, headed by Homer Miles & Co., is the feast which everybody likes. Miles' act is not only well acted, but it is on a theme which finds almost universal appeal. "The Roughneck" is its title. The Lovenberg Sisters and Sime Neary in a novel a dancing act as one will see in a long time give a good touch of merriment, while Gardner and Hartman are swift conversationalists, and Tom McRae and Tom Aiken have an uncommonly good character turn. The animals for the kiddies, always one of the strongest features of a holiday show, are in evidence with Herbert's leaping canines, loop-the-loop dogs, pigeons, roosters and cats. Other acts on the bill are Evans & Wilson and LaToy Brothers.

OPERA HOUSE

Of the many interesting and genuinely satisfying characterizations given by Miss Marguerite Fields, leading woman with the Lowell Players at the Opera House, none has brought to the surface this young woman's rare attainments more forcibly than her treatment of the role of "Pollyanna" in this week's production. You must witness her work to thoroughly appreciate what a delightfully wholesome, human character she makes of it. John Meehan also treats his part with a sane and highly satisfactory consideration he invariably gives to the roles assigned him, while Miss Hilda Noonan, the Lowell girl, is particularly good as "Nancy." Order your tickets early. Tel. 261.

THE STRAND

Your last chance of seeing Alice Joyce in her wonderfully gripping story, "The Vengeance of Durand," is offered the patrons of The Strand today. This and H. B. Warner in "The Gray Wolf's Ghost," make up one of the strongest picture bills of the season. The usual comedy and Weekly are also shown.

Beginning tomorrow and continuing throughout the remainder of the week Mabel Normand, the delightful comedienne in "Jinx," and Gladys Brockwell in "Thieves," will be the features. Besides these there will be a new comedy and the latest Weekly. You shouldn't allow Christmas to pass without seeing these super-picture productions.

OWL THEATRE

Lowell wives who have any doubt as to the faithfulness of their husbands are urged to be on the alert for the next few days as it is a well known fact that many Lowell men have a date to see "A Regular Girl" which comes to the Owl theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when the popular Central street amusement house reopens. Elsie Janis is the star and she sure is a "regular girl." She is a member of the Red Cross and the American Legion and what is more she gave up her profitable Broadway theatrical career to go overseas and do her bit for the boys "over there." It is her first appearance on the screen.

On the same bill will be Frank Keenan in "Brothers Divided," Charlie Chaplin in "The Fireman," and the latest edition of Pathe News. The fifth episode of "Lightning Bryce" will round out an exceptionally high class bill.

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CHRISTMAS

Tomorrow will be Christmas, the anniversary of the Nativity or the miraculous birth of Christ, among all Christians the most joyous feast in the entire calendar.

There is a tradition that man, in the beginning, was created perfect in soul and in body; that his abode was a garden of delights; that he communed with angels and spoke face to face with God himself. He was, moreover, never to die, but was, after a time, to be taken up bodily into the regions of celestial bliss. But this state of terrestrial happiness with corporeal immortality was conditional. Man was given dominion over the inferior order of creation; but he, in turn, was to recognize God as his Lord. Adam, the progenitor of the human race, was given a certain command which he disobeyed. Because of his disobedience, he was despoiled of God's favor, driven out of paradise, degraded to the level of his human nature, made subject to sickness and death, and compelled to earn his bread in the sweat of his brow.

But in his fall, man was promised a Redeemer who would make full atonement to the offended majesty of the omnipotent God. The gates of heaven, we are told, were closed against mankind until the death of Christ on the cross restored man to God's favor though not to the state of terrestrial happiness enjoyed in paradise.

The coming of the Redeemer, therefore, nearly 2000 years ago, marked the beginning of a new era in which the gospel of Christianity was given to all men for their guidance in accordance to the Divine will.

Thus the coming of the Redeemer is properly an event celebrated with the greatest joy, as it brought a new light to a world of darkness and renewed the promises of life everlasting to those who obey the Divine commands, but imposing upon all men not only the obligation to love and serve God, but also to love one another.

Christianity has lifted humanity above the depravity of paganism and if, in any part of the world, conditions rivaling those of pagan days still exist, it is not the fault of Christianity, but because its teachings and its principles are ignored. One of the greatest inspirations of all ages is the heroism with which men and women, even in this commercial age, devote their lives to the service of the Master in an effort to bring all races and all nations under the banner of the Redeemer.

When the world war was ravaging the nations of Europe and men were being mowed down like wheat before the scythe, there were doubting souls who said that Christianity was a failure! But the war, in its inception, was based upon sordid greed, the lust of power, upon envy and hatred among the rulers of nations, and upon the desire to avenge old grievances—all of which is contrary to the gospel of love and charity laid down by Christ when he commanded men to love one another and to return good for evil.

Now that the war is over and the various nations examine the causes that led to it, they very generally agree that these causes were wholly antagonistic to Christianity and that what the world needs most of all at the present time, as a preventive of war and a guarantee of justice and universal peace among the nations, is the application of Christian principles instead of the cut-throat policy of some nations said to be civilized, but which continue to oppress subject races for imperial aggrandizement.

At this Christmastide, the people of the United States have reason to thank God that they are not in the state of misery in which some European nations are now struggling for existence, as a result of the ravages of war. Lack of fuel and lack of food threaten death to millions in central Europe. As a Christian nation we should endeavor to aid them, as by so doing we shall be exercising that spirit of charity which is one of the fundamental Christian virtues.

Even at home, in our own city, or wherever we go, we shall find many appeals to charity to which each and all should respond according to their means. It is by carrying out this principle of love and charity that we shall most fittingly celebrate the great feast of the Nativity, and in so doing we can, with true religious spirit, exclaim:

Hail! the glorious Christmas morn
For all mankind a Savior's born;
Hail! the bright celestial star
That leads the wise men from afar
To Bethlehem to hail their king,
Whose lowly birth the angels sing,
And as their anthems swell the air
Shall we not humbly breathe this prayer?—
Be Thou O Lord the light divine
Upon our path in life to shine,
So lead us onward by thy love
Unto Thy realms of bliss above.

THE HOME RULE BILL

Now that the definite plan for Irish home rule has been given to the world by the British prime minister, it is in order to discuss its various bearings. In the first place, it has a fatal defect in dividing Ireland on sectional lines, offering one legislature to Ulster and another to the three remaining provinces. It is evidently the kind of measure that has been favored by Mr. Carson and it would place under his control the entire nine counties of Ulster, whereas the faction of which he is the head has a majority only in three counties, namely, Antrim, Down and Londonderry.

The division of the country on such lines would tend to perpetuate the differences that already have assumed a rather serious aspect, although they might easily be overcome in a united parliament for the entire country.

Premier Lloyd George states that England would fight secession as strongly as the north fought the south in our Civil war. And so it may be expected will the Irish people fight the partition of their island on religious lines, something which has no justification whatever, except it serves the purpose of England to keep the people divided in order more easily to hold them in subjection.

President De Valera of the Irish republic, states that the measure is offered as a trick by which to divert the Irish people from the main object of their demand, which is "a free Ireland."

It will be noticed that the central parliament, or council, which the two provincial parliaments would be empowered to establish, would depend entirely upon the willingness of Ulster to unite with the southern legislature for that purpose. It would be difficult to convince the Irish people that they would be safe in accepting any measure the success of which would ultimately depend upon the good will or the discretion of Sir Edward Carson or his followers. No central council can be formed unless both the subordinate parliaments agreed upon the plan and all the necessary details. It may be assumed in advance, that Mr. Carson would not agree to co-operate with the people whom he has denounced repeatedly as enemies, for no other reason than that they are not in accord with his religious views.

They are opposed, however, to maintaining any religious strife or accepting any measure that is likely to have that result. They have too much respect for such illustrious names as those of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Henry Grattan, William Smith O'Brien, John Mitchell, Isaac Butt and Charles Stuart Parnell, to be led into any religious conflict in their struggle for freedom.

The friends of the Irish republic may be relied upon to reject any measure calculated to perpetuate factional strife since their aim is to stamp out everything of that kind and unite all creeds under one flag with one end in view—and that to build up a free, prosperous and contented Irish nation.

CHARTER CHANGES

It is reported that several bills will be introduced in the legislature next January, providing for changes in the present city charter. One of these, it is alleged, will be for an increase in salary for the mayor and commissioners. If any change is to be made in the charter, the old or present instrument should be thrown aside and an entirely new charter adopted. The Plan B charter was defeated in a referendum vote at the state election, on the promise that an amended form of this charter would be introduced this year, so as to be enacted and submitted to the people next November. To do anything else will be a breach of faith with the public.

At the present time, the board of trade is planning for a special commission to take charge of street work. With a change of charter, there will be a commission on streets and sewers that would be fully competent to conduct such a project as the board has proposed. It is futile to expect that men taken from various lines of business, without any special training for municipal work, can conduct any of the city departments as successfully as would men specially trained for the business. We elect, year after year, men for one or other of the city departments who have had no experience whatever in managing large affairs. Would it not be better, as provided for under the amended form of Plan B, to have the work of each department in charge of a competent superintendent, who would not be interfered with by any inexperienced official and who would be held responsible for results? The present arrangement is unbusinesslike and can never be successful. Just as soon as a commissioner has acquired a little experience in some of the city departments, the voters find it necessary to put somebody else in his place and thus the city is always handicapped by placing inexperienced men in charge of its affairs.

Give us the new charter as provided for under the amended Plan B, and the members of the municipal council will attend to matters of legislation, or the issuance of orders for work to be done and the superintendents of the different departments, all trained and competent men, will execute these orders and produce the desired results.

It is the system that is wrong at city hall and that is what we should change at the earliest possible moment. No patchwork or tinkering of the present charter will have the desired effect. The commission charter should be abandoned to give place to one providing for ward representation, with a board of 15 members and a mayor, vested with sufficient executive authority to enable him to keep things right.

TREATY COMPROMISE

Indications point to a compromise under which the peace treaty may be ratified with reservations, in the near future. It is now announced that President Wilson is willing to accept any reservation which will not destroy the covenant. The fight will come principally upon article 10, the purpose of which is to put force behind the league as the means of preventing war.

It is presumed that with this provision in the covenant, no power would hastily precipitate war, if it felt that by so doing, it would have the united powers of the world arrayed against it. The claim is made in behalf of the league that an economic boycott would serve in most cases to bring a refractory power to terms. Inasmuch as such a boycott would entail loss of trade with other nations and mean, in most cases, final starvation, the effect of such opposition would be almost as menacing as that of an overwhelming army.

President Wilson is willing to accept the reservation placing in the hands of congress the decision as to whether this country should use its military forces in any particular case under article X of the league. With such a reservation, article X would lose its terrors so far as the United States is concerned. Whether the allies would be willing to accept this reservation remains to be seen, although the fact that the president is ready to endorse it indicates the probability that the allies would not object to it.

It appears that strong pressure is being brought upon the senators to ratify the treaty in some form early in January, so that the "wets" may have an opportunity to dispose of part of their stock before the time set for the inauguration of constitutional prohibition.

SUPREMACY OF LAW

Every true American in this republic will stand by Judge Anderson of the federal court at Indianapolis, when he makes this significant declaration:

"Either I have to vindicate the law or abdicate in favor of Mr. Howat."

Alexander Howat is president of the Kansas district branch of the United Mine Workers of America and there is ample evidence to show that, as Judge Anderson put it, he "breathed defiance of law" in violating the injunction of the court. Judge Anderson has undertaken, as he says, "to show Howat that there is a government in this country."

Behind the court as represented by this judge, should stand the full strength of the American army and every friend of American freedom which is here threatened by the miners of Kansas who have struck as the first step towards forcing the courts to surrender in the Howat case.

Howat, it is now reported, has surrendered and agreed to comply with the court's order in joining the other union officials in demanding that the strike of the Kansas miners be promptly ended. So much the better for Howat.

Attorney General Palmer is authority for the statement that retail prices of food staples will take a tumble between January 1 and March 1. It is hoped that Mr. Palmer knows whereof he speaks, although his reputation as a prophet has been rather discredited by several other predictions which were not verified.

Nobody will criticise the action of the municipal council in electing William A. Arnold, a well known veteran of the Civil war, to succeed the late George E. Worthen as superintendent of state aid. The place should be filled by a veteran and when the time comes for another change, the vacancy may probably be filled by a veteran of the world war.

SEEN AND HEARD

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chicago man sues his wife for divorce, alleging that she threw his nice, old pipe out of the fourth-floor window, after he had spent three years coloring it.

With the country dry, George Egan had no use for his money, says a despatch from Chicago. A traffic policeman caught him feeding $10 bills to a horse.

Miss Sally Elderly is all enthused about 1920, since she found it possible to divide that figure by four and get it to come out with a leapyearish hue.

"I can't drink your health this Christmas
With either Bourbon or Rye,
For I'm living the life of a camel
In a state that has gone bone dry."

Three "cheers for you
And a tiger too,
And of joy so great a share
You'll have to say
When it's gone its way
"This Christmas was a bear!"

The New York board of education has a cat on the payroll. The cat's name is "Robert," and as such draws $6.50 a year for maintenance. Robert's job is to keep rats from using the bookshelves for dwelling places.

Dr. Pilsan Powders, who thinks it is all right for him to charge $50 to do a 30-minute job of surgery, expresses the opinion that this country will go to the bow-wows if workingmen ever are paid $5 for a six-hour day.

Had Happy Death

Two mice, highly hilarious, staggered about on the velvet rug in the office of Thomas Holt, dairy and food commissioner, at the state capitol, Hartford, Conn., then turned up their toes and died. Holt, who had confiscated some "brandy candy drops,"-believes the mice nibbled at 'em too freely. It is an excellent way of ridding a place of mice, but why waste brandy on a mouse when a trap will do as well?

Fast Worker

"When you threw yourself on the mercy of the court, did the judge show that he had a kind heart?"

"He didn't reveal much of anything," replied the motorist, "except a most unseemly haste to be gone. He must have had a golf game or something of that sort on hand. The celerity with which he fined me $50 and adjourned court took my breath away, along with the $50.

Puzzled

"When I asked Gilppers if that was a garage he was having built in the rear of his mansion, he gave me a look of mingled pity and contempt."

"I don't wonder at that. When a man is up to date enough to erect a hangar and purchase two airplanes it naturally makes him peevish for anybody to insinuate that he hasn't progressed any further along than a garage."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Power to See

If you think you are too big for your job—move out.

If you believe you are not appreciated—move out.

If you don't respect your employer—move out.

If you can't co-operate with your associates—move out.

If you don't believe in the plans and purposes of the business you are in—move out.

If all these thoughts or any one of them has a place in your think cells, hunt a new job without further delay.

You are doing yourself a rank injustice, and you have long since failed to be worth your pay where you are.

Move right along and keep moving until you find a job, the employer, to whom you can give absolute loyalty of thought and actions.

And it may be that change of scene and air will bring you a clearer vision, the power to see yourself as others see you.—The Silent Partner.

The Weather-Man

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Run up the flag in the public square,
Bring out the band and let her whizz!
For the Weather-man prophesied "Bright and fair,"
And it is! it is! it is!! it is!!!
Let us not ask in a doubting voice,
"Why should the day be fair and bright?"
Let us not question; let's rejoice!
Let's applaud his taste and praise his choice.
When the Weather-man hits it right.

Just how it happened nobody knows,
But let us not say it is only chance,
And because he foretold no rains nor snows,
Do not say it is mere romance.
Nay, when a prophet has proved his case,
Let me not cast the smallest slight;
Let me pledge my faith with a shining face,
Let me bow before his exalted place,
When the Weather-man hits it right.

O, anything now may come to pass:
Thomas the Doubter holds his peace.
Now shall the lions live on grass
And the wars of nations cease.
Now shall the profiteer repent
And the blind be given sight,
Now shall the landlord scorn his rent,
And now shall sugar again be lent,
Since the Weather-man hits it right!

—EDMUND VANCE COOKE.

MINOR LICENSES GRANTED

The following minor licenses were granted by the license commission at its regular meeting last evening: Lodging house, Manoag Payelian, 57 Lawrence street; Georgiana Boisvert, 13 Bradford; Anna J. Culver, 33 Lawrence; Garabed Mannogian, 312 Market; Toras Toriglan, 23 Tyler. To sell ice cream on the Lord's day, H. H. Hood, 388 Gorham street. Express, George H. Gennell, 13 Watson street. Coffee house, Koumbouras and Pappas, 331 Market street; Aeglopoulos and Georgeopoulos, 445 Market street; Damas and Dimitrakopoulos, 429 Market street, and Costas Stergion, 81 Dummer street. Common victualler, Fred Browne, 770 Gorham street, and billiards and pool, Victor Levesque, 453 Market street.

The following were surrendered and cancelled: Coffee houses, Daniel Apostolos & Co., 453 Market street; T. Chilikas, 429 Market street; Georges Kletsenekos, 445 Market street, and Christos Filllos, 81 Dummer street.

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Manchester East, N.H.

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BROAD open end four-in-hands, exclusive patterns, charming examples of the silk weavers' art.

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MAN ABOUT TOWN

The drawing of names from the jury box is usually one of the most solemn features of a municipal council meeting, but at Tuesday's meeting of the council the wonted solemnity was broken a bit when Commissioner Morse was drawing the names of the 12 men who are to serve as traverse jurors at the January session of superior court in Cambridge. The commissioner had drawn four or five names and had read them off and turned the slips of papers over to Mayor Thompson, as is the usual procedure, and just as he was about to pick out another name the mayor said: "What have you got up your sleeve, commissioner?" The latter thought the mayor was joking and replied "Nothing." "Yes, you have," came back the mayor, pointing to the right sleeve of the commissioner's coat. Mr. Morse shook his arm and sure enough, one of the little "bullets," as the rolls of papers are called, came bouncing down on the table. "Well, I was never accused before of being a magician," said the commissioner. It seems that when he plunged his hand into the jury box one of the rolls of paper got caught in his sleeve and remained there until the mayor "spotted" it. A big laugh went up when it fell from the commissioner's coat sleeve.

DEATH IN CANADA OF FR. PORTELANCE

The many Lowell friends of Rev. Fr. Portelance, O.M.I., a missionary, who on various occasions preached missions at St. Jean Baptiste and St. Joseph's churches, will be grieved to learn of his death, which occurred Saturday at Lachine, Que., after a brief illness. Deceased was taken ill in the early part of the month at which time he was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Lachine, where he failed to rally to treatment. The body was removed to the mother house at Lasalle, Que., where burial will take place.

AT THE FAITH HOME

Gifts of all descriptions were received at the Faith Home for Children in Westford street yesterday, the occasion being donation day. Contributions were received from the Eliot union, All Souls and Calvary Baptist churches and the Sam Walter Foss Literary and Educational clubs, while ice cream was given by Mrs. D. L. Page and cake by Mrs. William E. Morse and Mrs. Royal K. Dexter. The affair was a most happy one for the attendants and inmates.

BRVS

Mrs. Bert Roberts and Mrs. John Conroy are spending Christmas with their mother, Mrs. W. J. Perry in Rockland, Me.

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May this Christmas be the happiest you have ever known.

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We Extend to One and All Our Very Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

THE THOMPSON HARDWARE CO.
254 Merrimack St.

We take this occasion to thank you for your loyal support during the past year.

It is only through your co-operation that we grow and prosper.

Heartily we wish you
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Union Market
175 Middlesex Street

Christmas Greetings

Our Wish to You

Is that you may enjoy a good old fashioned Christmas in a good old fashioned way and that every day of the New Year may be happier than the one before.

Millard F. Wood
JEWELER
104 Merrimack St.

SEASONS GREETINGS

To the Music Lovers of Lowell

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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130 Merrimack St.

Christmas Greetings

May all the best Joys of Christmas be yours, and may the New Year be full to overflowing with the world's good things.

Your patronage has helped us to help you during the past year. We hope to be of further good service to all.

Cherry & Webb
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Never the old year ends,
But somebody thinks of somebody,
Old days, old times, old friends.

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Merry Christmas

The Season's Greetings

GOOD CHEER
GOOD FRIENDS
GOOD LUCK
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

Prince's
108 Merrimack Street

We may not have lived up to your expectations because we could not control the sugar supply, but we have done our best to make this

A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR YOU

With thanks and best wishes we remain,

Yours to serve

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Merrimack Square

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For this concern to express its appreciation to everybody in such a way that when we say

"Merry Christmas"

You will feel that we really mean it.

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Merry Christmas

GOOD WISHES TO ALL

For good health, good friends, a whole year of happy days, and a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Edward W. Freeman
DIAMONDS
39 Bridge St.

MASSACRE IN INDIA

Lawyer Declares 30,000 Were in Crowd Fired On by British Troops

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Statements in official quarters that 500 persons were killed and 1500 wounded in the tragedy at Amritsar, India, last April, underestimated the casualties greatly, according to the narrative of an Indian lawyer, Said F. Hassan, printed by the Pall Mall Gazette yesterday.

Describing the scenes of the tragedy, which he says were witnessed by relatives of his, the lawyer, a native of Amritsar, says:

"People had gathered from all over the Punjab for a religious ceremony which was being held in the 'Gallionwalabagh,' where a dias had been erected upon which several hundred speakers stood, surrounded by a gathering of 20,000 or 30,000 persons. The military appeared and opened fire without warning.

"Soldiers stood on the high ground and fired on the helpless, unarmed gathering from a distance of a hundred yards. Many tumbled over ridges and were trampled to death. Others fell into an open well nearby. I am sure that Gen. Dyer's admission of 500 killed and 1500 wounded is much below the actual casualties.

"For two days frantic men whose relatives or friends were missing rummaged that open graveyard among the heaps of dead and dying, in the hope of finding their loved ones."

The lawyer believes the trouble arose through the previous arrest of two native leaders, against which the populace had protested in an orderly manner, he said.

M'CALL DECLINES GOV. COOLIDGE'S OFFER

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Former Governor Samuel W. McCall declined yesterday the position offered him by Governor Coolidge as judge of probate of Middlesex county. In a letter to the governor he said:

"Acceptance of the offer would impose distinct limitations in a very critical time upon my right to give that political counsel which a somewhat long experience would make it, I trust, not wholly presumptuous for me to offer. It would involve the sacrifice of my freedom to render on occasion that service I am best fitted to render unless, indeed, I should offend against the cherished traditions of our bench, the impartiality and independence of which our constitution so wisely safeguards."

OCCUPATION OF FIUME

Second Plebiscite in Favor of Italian Government's Proposals

ROME, Dec. 24.—In consequence of doubts regarding the first plebiscite at Fiume, another was taken on Sunday which resulted in 75 per cent of the votes being cast in favor of the Italian government's proposals relative to the future occupation of the city, according to the Giornale d'Italia. Major Giuriati, chief of Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio's cabinet is reported to have resigned.

Newspapers state the basis of agreement was as follows:

"The Italian government will keep in its possession, the whole of the armistice line reaffirming the right of Fiume to decide its own fate. Note is taken of the wishes of Fiume, as expressed October 30, 1918, and reaffirmed Oct. 30, 1919, and it is declared Italy will never accept any other solution. Fiume will receive financial assistance so that it may be able to re-establish its life and to resume its activities under the regime of a free port.

During the transitorial period, it is said, the Italian government will not exercise its sovereign rights over Fiume, the independence of which shall in no way be diminished or violated. The government will not accept any solution tending to separate Fiume and the surrounding territory from the mother country and meanwhile will occupy and guarantee the integrity of Fiume and its territory with regular troops which will be exclusively of Italian nationality. The rights of the local militia which the city of Fiume has established will be respected.

DISCUSSED MILK QUESTION

A conference between representatives of the New England Milk Producers' association and the Lowell Milk Retailers' association was held at the Harrisonia hotel last evening. Carl A. Smith, northern district manager of the Milk Producers' association was present and answered many questions relative to business matters to be transacted during the year, while the price of milk was discussed. Prior to the conference a luncheon was served.

Colds can be avoided

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USUAL HOLIDAY PRICES

10 YEAR TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION

France's Steel and Iron Industry Cut in Half by War's Ravages

Engineering Experts Give A. P. Man Idea of Big Problem Confronting Them

VALENCIENNES, France, Dec. 24 (By Associated Press).—France's steel and iron industry, virtually cut in half by war's ravages, is faced by what engineers estimate to be an eight by ten-year task of reconstruction. Details of the problem were related today to the correspondent of the Associated Press, who is visiting the devastated regions of France, by special government dispensation.

Engineering experts, however, say the country's steel and iron production may be increased materially by the mineral mining and metal treating plants of Lorraine, returned to France under the terms of the Versailles treaty. The seriousness of the loss to the industry by war, nevertheless, is heightened by the great necessity for metal construction throughout liberated districts and the dependence of nearly 150,000 inhabitants of these regions on the blast furnaces and metal mills for a livelihood.

In Valenciennes, Denain, Trist, St. Seger, Fresnes, Anzin and other towns of this district, the destruction suffered as a result of the conflict is estimated at 93 per cent, including the obliteration of the Denain and Anzin works which were the most important in France.

Of the more than 500 small metal treating and metal construction plants of the devastated region, government reports show 47 per cent have resumed work, but with only 14 per cent of the pre-war force. This does not include the large plants which alone are said to be capable of meeting the country's chief needs in the way of structural material and important machinery taken away or destroyed during the war.

No note of pessimism is intended. It is said by engineers who forecast an eight to ten-year period of reconstruction before the nation can regain her former place in the iron and steel industry.

It is asserted, however, that progress will be certain and steady with teh attainment of half production within five years.

At present many of the smaller plants are said to be devoting their output to the most needy fields. In some instances several small concerns have combined their equipment, inadequate for seperate operation, and have thereby created a group of little mills and shops capable of rapid action and able to help in some measure in supplying the crying needs for machinery of all sorts.

Some of the bigger companies are said to be acting deliberately because of the high prices demanded for the equipment necessary for their plants. The unfavorable rate of exchange also, it is stated, has added to this disposition to hesitate, together with the hope that prices will come down within two or three years.

Housing problems at the plants are demanding the attention of the owners and promoters because in most cases the mills are located in small towns where the buildings were wiped out during the war.

CHRISTMAS IN THIS AND OTHER LANDS

Christmas celebration in many lands was depicted in tableau form by girls of the International Institute at the Girls' Community Service club last evening and the program presented was most interesting. Foreign girls in native dress faithfully portrayed the Christmas rites and spirit of the countries across the water. The program ran as follows:

Overture
Portuguese Orchestra
Polish Carols
Polish Girls in Costume
Play, Why the Chimes Rang
Institute Club Girls
Act 1—Interior of peasant's cottage
Act 2—In the woods
Act 3—In the beautiful church
Dance
Manuel Dias
Tableau, Shepherds Watching Their Flock
Greek Girls
Greek Christmas Carols
Tableau, Three Kings Following Star
Polish Women
Polish Christmas Carols
Tableau, Manger Scene
Portuguese Women
Portuguese Christmas Carols
Tableau, People Worshipping Child
All Nationalities
English Christmas Carols
American Girls
General Dancing, Portuguese Orchestra

The entertainment was in charge of Miss Helen Hutton of the Institute and Miss Georgia Sharpe, recreational director. The musical program was directed by Paul Correla, leader of the Portuguese orchestra.

VERY SUBSTANTIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

(Special to The Sun.)

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 24.—Savings bank life insurance certificates, some providing benefits as high as $2500, were today dropped into the Christmas stockings of 3000 working men and women in this state.

The certificates are the result of a state insurance system whereby the employers join with the employes in paying the premiums on policies which are taken out by shop groups of the employes or whereby the employers agree to stand all the expense of the undertaking.

The Forbes Lithograph company of Chelsea played Santa Claus to 1100 employes when they gave them certificates ranging from $500 to $1500, the amount of the benefit being determined by the term of employment. This was the first venture of this company in this form of insurance.

In addition to a Christmas bonus, the 100 employes of the Chandler & Farquhar company of Boston, dealers in mechanics' tools and supplies, were today informed that the company has decided to increase the maximum benefit under their savings bank life insurance to $2500. The former maximum was $1000.

The Arnold Print Works of North Adams announced to 1200 employes that the maximum was increased from $500 to $1000.

White & Wyckoff, paper manufacturers of Holyoke, is the third company which gave the gifts in the form of increased benefits under the system of savings bank life insurance. This firm gives increased benefits to 370 employes. It employs about 600 persons.

In its notice to its employes the Forbes company said: "We trust that this insurance will add a sense of protection and comfort to you and your families. It goes to you as an expression of good will at this Christmas time with the hope that your association with this company may continue with mutual benefit and satisfaction."

Christmas exercises were held at noon at the plant of the Chandler company, President Chandler distributed the Christmas bonuses and new insurance certificates. Edwin R. Hurst, state actuary, spoke to the employes of the benefit of this form of insurance.

"It is significant," he said, "as demonstrating the value of this insurance that three companies having had experience with it have decided to increase the maximum benefits."

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THRIFT AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Because of a misunderstanding on the part of some people to the effect that Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps are redeemable when detached from the official Thrift card or War Savings certificate issued to contain these securities, Mrs. Francis L. Higginson, director of the savings division, first federal reserve district, is sending out information calling attention to the government ruling which states that neither Thrift Stamps nor War Savings Stamps are cashable unless they are affixed to the official cards issued by the government for this purpose.

Information which has reached the headquarters of the savings division shows that some people have attempted to cash either their Thrift Stamps or War Savings Stamps when not attached to cards. When refused payment they have been rather at sea as to why they should be refused. Mrs. Higginson points out that all the people will be sure that these securities are affixed to the cards issued by the United States government only, it will not only save trouble for themselves, but will also make things easier for the postal officials.

PLAN OPEN HOUSE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

An open house and all it implies in the way of fun and merriment will be observed at the Lowell Community club in Dutton street on New Year's day if the plans launched last night by the club rotating committee bear fruit. The house committee has been given full authority to go as far as it likes in the preparation of a program and to make the event appear in the form of an official opening as an activity of Lowell Community Service.

The rotating committeemen also decided last evening to sell memberships at the club for any sub-divisions of a year—one day, one week, one month, three months, six months, nine months—but to limit such sale to within the club only. The committee members will still be restricted to the campaign of selling yearly memberships. Twenty-five cents will give membership for a week, one day being free, while a month's card may be taken out for 50 cents. Three months will cost $1.25, six months $2.25, nine months $3.25, and one year $4.

The new bowling alleys will be unofficially christened next Monday, but the ten-strike will be reserved until New Year's day. The public will be welcome on that day, just as many as may crowd in, and the club promises something worth while to start the new year aright. Miss Nellie Blaisdell and her corps of former War Camp entertainers will have a prominent position on the musical program.

INCREASE IN RETAIL PRICE OF COAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Coal consumers today were in receipt of announcements from several fuel companies notifying them of an increase in the retail price of between 30 and 35 cents a ton on all coal mined since settlement of the recent bituminous miners' strike to make up for the 14 per cent. wage increase the workers gained.

"This does not mean no coal will be sold at the government price," one dealer said, "but the Garfield order is not retroactive on contracts executed before it was issued and all contracts contain a clause providing for the passing along of any increase in mining costs. Those who have not contracts for coal will get it at the government price.

"However, most operators have their entire output sold under contract, so the price increase will be pretty general."

CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES

Christmas tree exercises will be held tomorrow evening at the Chelmsford Street Baptist church, commencing at 6.30. Santa Claus himself will be present and the young people will give a musical program, entitled "A Jolly Joke on Santa Claus."

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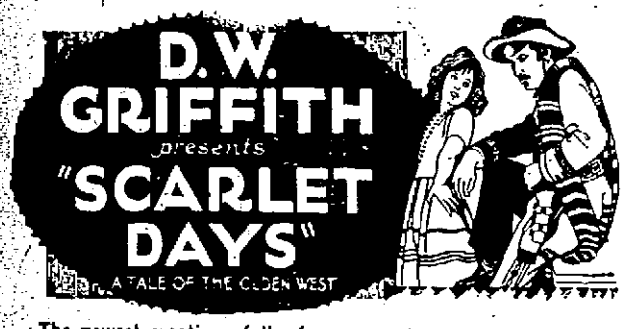

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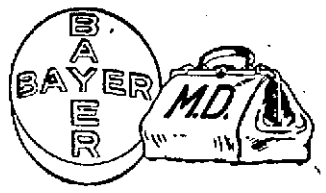

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WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY—BIG HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Mrs. Charlie Chaplin (Mildred Harris)
In "The Doctor and the Woman"
Only another "nurse tragedy." Only another hard working little woman in love with the head of a hospital! What happened?
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In "THE ARIZONA CAT CLAW"
A thrilling story of the Western plains. They called her "Catclaw" because she was a demon when aroused!
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NEW JEWEL THEATRE
TODAY AND TOMORROW
GLORIA SWANSON
—IN—
"Station Content"
A happy, cheery sort of story for the holidays
ALSO—
MAURICE TOURNEUR'S
Famous Production
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The noted story of life in Scotland
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Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals and Help Fight Tuberculosis.

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1000 MATINEE SEATS...10 CENTS
CHRISTMAS MATINEE Will Begin at 3 O'Clock

THE PLAYHOUSE FOR HOME PEOPLE
STRAND THEATRE
CONTINUOUS FROM 1 TO 10.15 P.M.
LAST TIME TODAY
ALICE JOYCE
In "THE VENGEANCE OF DURAND" (7 Acts)
H. B. WARNER
In "THE GRAY WOLF'S GHOST" (6 Acts)
Tomorrow:
MABEL NORMAND in "JINX"
GLADYS BROCKWELL in "THIEVES"

CHRISTMAS IS THE CHILDREN'S DAY

THIS HAPPY DAY, whose risen sun
Shall set not through eternity,
This holy day when Christ, the Lord,
Took on Him our humanity.

FOR LITTLE CHILDREN everywhere
A joyous season still we make;
We bring our precious gifts to them,
E'en for the dear child Jesus' sake.

IF WE SHALL make Thy natal day
A season of delight to these,
A season always crowded full
Of sweet and pleasant memories.

WILT THOU not grant us to forget
Awhile our weight of care and pain,
And in their joys bring back our joy
Of early innocence again?

(From a poem entitled "Christmas," by Phoebe Cary, 1824-1871.)

THEATRE MEN PROTEST

Lively Discussion Marks Hearing Before License Commission Last Night

Local theatre managers appeared before the license commission at the latter's request last evening to discuss the probability of increased license fees in 1920 and the intended dispassionate hearing developed into a lively exchange of barbed remarks before Chairman Hanson called a halt at the end of 45 minutes of heated discussion.

Commissioner McGrath drove in the opening wedge when he declared that several local theatres are not paying the city a cent in taxes for the amusement they provide, in as much as the theatre companies are separate corporations from their building proprietors and that the city, therefore, collects only in taxes for the buildings and property, while the theatrical men pay amusement taxes to the state on the basis of $16. "The theatre men do not pay a cent to the city," said the commissioner, "and are in the same category as the itinerant vendor or the travelling circus proprietor who holds a state license."

Led by Walter Nelson of the Merrimack Square theatre and Benjamin Pickett of Keith's, the theatre men registered a strenuous protest against any intimation that the license fee next year should be increased, saying that the present fee of $100 maximum is higher than in many other cities in the commonwealth and equal to the fee demanded in Lawrence.

Commissioner Putnam mentioned $150 as a possible fee, although no definite action was taken on the question, the board preferring to take the matter under advisement.

In amplifying his statements relative to the present procedure of tax paying by the theatre men, Commissioner McGrath cited the B. F. Keith business. He said the Paul Keith estate is a separate corporation from the B. F. Keith Theatre Co. and the latter company is taxable only to the state. The estate is assessed by the city only for the theatre building. The Merrimack Square Theatre Co. is a similar case, he said, having rented the theatre from a man who is assessed for the building property alone. He also mentioned the Strand Theatre Co., as a parallel case.

The theatre men retaliated further by saying they believed the present license fee plenty high enough and that the $10 Sunday tax should be enough to cover any increase the board saw fit to make.

Commissioner Putnam said that inasmuch as everything else had increased in price at least 100 per cent, he believed it only just that the theatres should be taxed more than at present.

Manager Pickett of Keith's said in opposition to an increased fee, that a big tax already is being paid to the city on the buildings and in his opinion, it is sufficient.

Chairman Hanson brought the discussion to a close and the matter was taken under advisement. It will possibly come up again in the form of an announcement at the meeting next Tuesday night.

After the hearing, the board turned to routine matters and granted the following minor licenses:

Lodging house, Manoag Payellan, 57 Lawrence street; Georgianna Boisvert, 13 Bradford street; Anna J. Culver, 33 Lawrence street; Garabed Mannogian, 312 Market street; Toras Torigian, 33 Tyler street. To sell ice cream on the Lord's day, H. H. Hood, 388 Gorham street. Express, George H. Gennell, 13 Watson street. Coffee house, Koumbouras and Pappas, 391 Market street; Agelopoulos and Georgapoulos, 445 Market street; Damas and Dimitrakopoulos, 429 Market street, and Costas Stergion, 81 Dummer street. Common victualler, Fred Browne, 770 Gorham street and billiards and pool, Victor Levesque, 483 Market st.

The following were surrendered and cancelled: Coffee houses, Daniel Apostolos & Co., 483 Market street; T. Chilikas, 429 Market street, Georges Kleisenekos, 445 Market street and Christos Fillios, 81 Dummer street.

JAPAN'S ENVOY OBJECTS

Protests to Supreme Council Form of Mandates For Former German Colonies

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Japan's representative in the supreme council has objected to the form of the mandates under which the former German colonies in the Pacific would be administered. Time has been asked to refer the question to the Tokio government. Meanwhile, the council holds the adoption of the mandates in abeyance.

The question of mandates was taken up today by the council, which considered the drafts that had been prepared and adopted, two of these which give mandates in Africa to Great Britain and Belgium. Final action on five others was postponed on request of the Japanese delegate, Barin Matsui.

The mandates considered had been prepared by the mandate commission in London. They were in three series, denominated Type A, Type B and Type C. The two mandates adopted come under Type B, providing for administration under the regime of the League of Nations, the Type A mandates apply to the Orient and the Type C to the Pacific colonies. It was the last named type of mandate that developed the objections upon the part of Baron Matsui.

The Japanese delegate found that the mandates for the Pacific colonies gave Japan less advantages than she enjoyed in those colonies under the German rule, it was stated. Three of the four voting delegates in the council approved the drafts, but Baron Matsui reserved the approbation of Japan and asked for time to refer the question to his government.

The details to which the Japanese representative objected were not disclosed, but it is assured here that the question of the migration of Jananese to colonies which would come under the mandate of Australia was involved, as well as the economic advantages the Japanese formerly enjoyed under the most favored nation clause.

THREE MEN AND TWO BOYS DROWNED

STRAFFORD, N. H., Dec. 24.—Three men were drowned in 60 feet of water last night when Harold Whitcher, a haypresser of Strafford, attempted to cross the ice on Bow Lake in an automobile. The men who were drowned were Clarence Emerson, Walter Davis and Edgar Huckins.

The men accompanied Whitcher to a farmhouse early yesterday morning to spend the day pressing hay. The ice on Bow Lake looked firm and hard, and so the party motored across the lake for a short cut. After the day's work was done the four men started on their return journey. Apparently the ice had melted somewhat during the day, but it still appeared solid enough to bear the automobile and Whitcher started driving the machine back across the lake.

When at the deepest part of the lake the ice suddenly began to crack and the automobile was thrown into the ice-cold water. The three men with Whitcher were drowned, but Whitcher clung to the car, which did not sink, and was rescued some time later when his cries for help were heard.

The drowned men were all middle-aged. Huckins leaves a family and Emerson is survived by his mother. It is feared that it will be impossible to recover the bodies as the water at the place where they were drowned is so deep.

Small Brothers Drown

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24.—Donald McLaughlin, aged 9 years, was vainly endeavoring to assist his brother, Clifford, aged 7, to safety, when both broke through the ice on Back Bay and were drowned. The younger lad's body was recovered by Charles Bartol and Frank Colley, who dragged the spot as soon as a boat and grappling irons could be procured, while Lowell, another brother, aged 15, assisted a crew similarly engaged in another boat.

Both little fellows, accompanied by Howard Matheson and Raymond Johnson of similar age, had started from Bay Side Park to cross the bay on the ice, seeking Christmas trees in East Deering thickets. They crossed the ship channel in safety but fell through when an air hole opened without warning. Neither the Johnson nor Matheson boys was able to aid their playmates but ran ashore and gave the alarm.

Mrs. Grace H. McLaughlin, of 102 Lancaster street, was made a widow five years ago when her husband, Thomas R., was killed by a falling tree in a Minnesota forest. She has two sons remaining, both older than the victim's of yesterday's tragedy.

ISSUE WARNING TO CAIRO PAPERS

CAIRO, Thursday, Dec. 18.—Owners and editors of newspapers were today given official warning to refrain from printing matter likely to excite the public. Recent disorders and attempts at assassination were largely attributable, the warning stated, to certain newspapers.

Newspapermen are assured there is no intention to prevent reasonable criticism and are advised to submit doubtful matter to the censor before publication.

700 SHOP WORKERS TO RECEIVE GIFTS

NORTHAMPTON, Dec. 24.—The Florence Manufacturing company, employing 700 men and women, will distribute Christmas and New Year's gifts in appreciation of the loyalty of its employes. The company has 43 men and women who have been in its employ from 20 to 40 years, 10 of them from 30 to 40 years. One hundred dollars is to be given each one who has reached 20 years of service.

On Christmas day all who have been in the employ of the company less than one year will receive $2.50. Those who have been employed one year or more but less than 10 years will receive $5; those 10 years but less than 15 years, $10; those 20 years, $15, and those more than 20 years, $25.

Beginning next year all employes who have been in the employ of the company 15 years or more are to be given two weeks' vacation with pay. The length of vacations for the others will be determined by their length of service.

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HOSIERY
SLIPPERS
MACKINAWS

BLOUSES
UNDERMUSLINS
FURS
CHINA SETS
BOUDOIR CAPS
FANCY LINENS
MADEIRA NAPKINS
HOPE CHESTS
BATHROBES
CANDLESTICKS
CANDLE SHADES
FLOOR LAMPS
BLOUSES FOR BOYS

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LATEST

Woman Burned to Death at Her Home in Dover Street

Miss Elizabeth A. Green of 74 Dover street, was burned to death at her home about 3.30 o'clock this afternoon. A plumber who had been working in the basement of the building smelled smoke and went upstairs, where he found Miss Green severely burned. A doctor was summoned, but life was extinct before aid could be given the unfortunate woman.

The kitchen of Miss Green's apartment was in flames and the plumber immediately gave the alarm. But for the quick response of the fire department, the building would have been destroyed. Miss Green was about 80 years old.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Led by shippings, equipments and related industrials, stocks were firm to strong at the dull opening of today's session. American International American and Baldwin Locomotives, Crucible and Republic Steels and Central Leather were the chief features, oils and motors showing little of their usual activity. There was considerable trading in local utilities, especially Manhattan Elevated, which gained almost two points. Investment rails hardened with the general list later.

Dealings dwindled steadily after the first half hour denoting light attendance of brokers and traders in the financial district. Additions to early advances included such diverse issues as American Woolen, American Tobacco Securities, Mexican Petroleum, Endicott-Johnson, Remington Typewriter, California Packing and other food shares at gains of one to five points. Little attention was paid to the usual market development, interest centering in the money situation because of recent erratic fluctuations. Call loans opened at 10 per cent., repeating yesterday's initial rate.

Trading became more active at midday, dormant specialties developing sudden strength. Columbia Graphophone, Barrett Co. and American Linseed led at gains of 1½ to 4 points, while Endicott-Johnson extended its advance to 7 points. Standard Steels and equipments also became firmer.

Coppers and tobaccos were added to the stronger issues of the afternoon. Moderate shading of prices resulted from call money's rise to 12 per cent., but the market rallied in the final dealings when the money rate dropped to 10 per cent. The closing was firm.

New York Clearings

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Exchanges, $857,742,493; balances, $67,877,674.

Cotton Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Cotton futures opened firm. Jan. 37.30; Mar. 35.05; May 32.95; July 31.15; Oct. 28.50.

Cotton futures closed steady: Jan. 37.55; March, 35.66; May, 33.10; July, 31.50; October, 28.80.

Spot steady; middling 39.25.

Money Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Time loans strong; 60 days, 90 days and six mos., 7½ bid.

Call money strong; high 15; low 10; ruling rate 10; closing bid 10; offered at 11; last loan 10. Bank acceptances 4%.

Liberty bonds 2.55 p. m.: 3½s, 99.02; first 4s, 92.70; second 4s, 91.24; first 4¼s, 93.22; second 4¼s, 91.36; third 4¼s, 93.50; fourth 4¼s, 91.44; Victory 3¾s, 98.90; Victory 4¾s, 98.94.

NEW YORK MARKET

	High	Low	Close
Allis Chal	46⅝	46¼	46⅝
Am Beet Sug	94	94	94
Am Can	53¾	53¼	53½
do pf	99½	99½	99½
Am Car & F	135¾	135¼	135¼
Am Cot Oil	45⅝	44¾	45⅛
Am H & L	24⅞	24	24⅛
do pf	115⅞	115⅝	115⅝
Am Loco	98¾	98	98
Am Smelt	66⅞	66	66⅞
do pf	96	95½	95½
Am Sug	135½	137	137½
Am Sumatra	97⅛	96	96⅞
Am Wool	126½	126	126½
do pf	102⅞	102⅝	102⅝
Anaconda	58¼	58	58½
Atch	82⅞	82⅛	82⅝
do pf	79¼	79	79⅛
At Gulf	174	173	173⅛
Baldwin	110	109¼	110
B & O	32½	31¾	32⅛
do pf	46	45¼	45¼
Beth Steel B	94½	93⅝	93¾
do pf Ser C	111	111	111
B R T	12½	11	11⅞
Cal Pete	42¼	42	42
do pf	73½	72⅞	72⅞
Can Pac	131⅛	130⅝	131
Cent Leather	96	95	96
Ches & O	54⅞	54¼	54¾
C & Gt W	8½	8½	8½
C R I & P	26⅞	26⅛	26⅞
Chile	18¾	18½	18⅝
Col G & E	62⅞	62⅝	62⅝
Col Fuel	40	39⅝	40
Con Gas	82¾	81	81⅞
Corn Prod	84½	83⅞	84½
do pf	107⅞	107⅞	107⅞
Cru Steel	212	209¾	212
Cuba Cane	51½	50⅛	50½
Del & Hud	96	95	95
Den & R G	6⅞	6⅝	6⅝
do pf	13⅞	13⅛	13⅛
Dis Sec	76¾	76¼	76¾
Elk Horn	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
Erie	13⅞	12⅞	12⅞
do pf	19⅞	19⅝	19⅝
Gen Elec	168½	168½	168½
Gen Motors	336¾	329⅝	332¼
Gt No pf	78⅝	78	78⅛
Gt No Ore ctf	38	37½	37½
Ill Cen	87	86	87
Int Met Com	3⅞	3⅝	3⅝
do 1st	11½	11	11½
Int Mer Mar	48½	47⅞	48
do pf	108¾	107¾	108¼
Int Paper	75¾	74⅞	74⅞
Kennecott	28½	28	28⅛
K City S	15⅞	15½	15½
Kan & T	31½	31½	31½
do pf	12	12	12
Lack Steel	85⅞	85	85
Lehigh Val	12⅞	12⅝	12⅝
L & Nash	111	110	111
Maxwell	32⅝	31	31
do 1st	61	61	61
do 2nd	30	30	30
Mex Pet	218¾	216	218¼
Midvale	18¾	18½	18½
Mo Pac	25⅞	25½	25⅝
Nat Lead	80¾	80	80¾
N Y Air B	109¾	109½	109¾
N Y Cent	69⅝	68¾	69½
N Y & N H	26⅞	26½	26¾
Nor & West	98¼	97	98¼
No Pac	80	79½	79¾
O G	45⅞	44½	45¾
Ont & West	17	16⅞	17
Pac Mail	35⅛	33½	35
Pan Am	105	103¾	104⅞
Penn	40½	40	40¼
Peo Gas	34	33	34
Pitts Coal	61¾	61¾	61¾
P W V	28¼	27½	28¼
Pullman	113	112½	112⅞
Reading	77	76⅛	76½
Rep I & S	113½	111⅝	113½
do pf	106	106	106
Royal D	97⅞	97¼	97¾
Sinclair Oil	43	42½	42¾
St Paul	37½	36⅝	36⅞
Sloss	71	71	71
So Pac	103¼	102¾	103⅛
So Ry	22	21⅞	21⅞
do pf	56	55⅝	55⅝
Stude	104	103⅛	104
Tenn Cop	9⅞	9¾	9⅞
Tex Pac	42⅞	40⅞	41¼
Third Av	11½	11⅛	11⅛
U Pac	122¼	121¾	122⅛
do pf	69	67	67
U S I Al	110	108½	109½
U S Rub	124½	123⅞	124
do pf	113¾	113¾	113¾
U S Steel	104⅞	104¼	104⅜
do pf	113	112⅞	113
Utah Cop	74¼	72¾	74¼
Va Chem	65⅝	65⅛	65½
Wab	8½	8	8
do A	23¾	23¼	23½
Willys	27⅞	27½	27½
Wes'house	53½	52¾	53¼

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Utah Consolidated was the only active feature in early trading on the local stock market today. There was little call for industrials. Most price changes were higher but in small fractions.

BOSTON MARKET

	High	Low	Close
A A Chain	91½	91½	91½
Advent	90	87	87
Al Gold	2	1¾	1¾
Allouez	33	33	33
Am Pneu	1⅛	1	1⅛
Am T & T	97½	96⅞	97¼
Am Wool	126½	126	126⅛
Amer Zinc	16	15	16
Arcadian	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
Ariz Com	15½	14½	14½
Bosch Mag	12½	12½	12½
Bos Ill	61	66½	66½
Bos Me	36	35	36
Cal & Ariz	92½	94	94
Chino	35⅞	35⅝	35½
Cop Range	14½	14	14½
Davis Daly	13	13	13
Granby	48⅞	48⅞	48⅞
Greene Can	33½	33½	33½
Inspiration	54¼	52⅞	54¼
Island Oil	6	6	6
Kerr Lake	4¼	4¼	4¼
Lake	3½	3½	3½
Mass Gas	72	72	72
Mayflower	11½	9⅞	10⅞
Miami	22⅞	22½	22½
Mohawk	62	62	62
Nevada	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞
N E Tel	55	54½	55
No Butte	16⅞	16	16⅛
Old Dom	35	35	35
Osceola	47	47	47
Pond Creek	27¾	27¼	27¾
Quincy	60	60	60
Ray Con	20¼	20	20
Shannon	1⅜	1⅜	1⅜
Shat Ariz	11⅞	11⅜	11⅜
Sun & Bos	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞
Swift & Co	134¼	132½	134¼
Swift Intl	59½	59½	59½
U Apex	2¾	2¾	2¾
U Cons	9⅞	9¾	9¾
U Fruit	200	198	198
U Sh M	48½	47¾	48
U S Smel	74	74	74
do pf	46⅞	46⅞	46⅞
Wolverine	19	19	19

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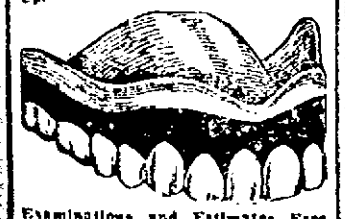
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BRIEF BUT IMPORTANT WIRE DESPATCHES

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 24.—The sum of $42,000 back pay on a wage increase granted Oct. 20 and retroactive to May 1 was distributed today to the 900 employes of the Boston & Albany railroad shops in West Springfield.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—All records for Christmas mail handled at the Chicago postoffice have been broken. Parcel post packages received during the past eight days totalled 1,950,540, thirty-five per cent more than were handled during the corresponding period last year.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 24.—For the first time in the history of the state, the farm products and livestock raised this year exceed a billion dollars in value, according to the annual report of the state board of agriculture, which shows the aggregate values to be $1,087,000,000.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Successful tests of wireless telephones, it is stated, have been made by the United States government along the line of the Harlem railroad. Messages were sent from Brooklyn navy yard to Elmsford and from there relayed to Millerton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The American steamer Eastern Cross from Galveston, via Norfolk for Liverpool, which was reported with rudder trouble on Dec. 19, is making slow progress to New York, according to a wireless message received here today.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 24.—Twelve members of the civilian crew of the transport America, who were put in the ship's brig at Brest after a "mutiny" today were released by order of Major General David C. Shanks, commander of the port of embarkation.

HELD IN $25,000 EACH

"Human Fly" Burglars May Be Responsible For Robberies Totalling $100,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Adriano Herrera and Ramon Rodriguez, arrested yesterday charged with attacking and robbing Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Broderick of Dallas, Tex., in their suite at the Hotel Knickerbocker, were identified today, according to the police, as robbers who recently stole $2000 from a guest at the Portland hotel. More than 250 detectives and hotel clerks were today called to view the prisoners on the theory that they might have been the burglars responsible for hotel robberies in this city recently in which more than $100,000 has been stolen.

The police have asked the Spanish consul here to forward fingerprints and Bertillion measurements to the police departments of the principal cities in Spain to ascertain whether the prisoners have criminal records there. According to the New York police, Rodriguez has been arrested several times in this country under the names of Garcza and Gomez.

The two prisoners were arraigned today and held in $25,000 bail each for examination Friday. In default of bail, they were committed to the Tombs prison.

NINE PERISHED IN FIRE IN INSANE HOSPITAL

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Nine men who were among the 53 mildly insane patients accommodated in an outlying building of the Connecticut hospital for the insane, were missing today, following a fire last night.

Those missing were: Theodore S. Osborn, Norwalk; Nicholas Venuck, Hartford; Max Soracka, Hartford; William Carroll, Waterbury; Philo Pritchard, Warren; Richard O'Brien, Stamford; Edward Toelle, Wallingford; Charles Machfeldt, New Haven, and Clinton S. Lord, Windsor.

The building was a modernized farmhouse, three stories in height. Dr. Haviland, the superintendent, inclined to the opinion that the fire started from a heap of kindling wood, which had been placed near the fire door of the hot water heater in the basement. In mild weather wood is used to heat the building. Yesterday a lot of wood was cut up for use and placed near the heater and it is thought the kindling may have come in contact with the firebox and ignited.

The house, with its timbers dry as tinder after 50 years of service, burned quickly. The flames ran from the basement to the roof in a very few minutes. The inmates were able, with the exception of those now missing, to get out by doors and windows. Very little of the contents was saved. The property loss was about $25,000.

SKATELESS AND GREEN CHRISTMAS

There is every indication that tomorrow will be a green Christmas and as far as Lowell is concerned it is a skate-less one. The thaw of the past two days has softened the ice at Shedd Park to make skating practically impossible, although 200 little tots slid and skated there this forenoon.

It was the hope of the park department, however, to have the surface in readiness for a cold snap, should one come between tonight and Saturday and to this end it was planned to flood the area tonight, but the water department said it would be impossible to use the water tonight, or this week, in fact, so no matter how cold it may grow, no more water can be used until next week.

This not only knocks out skating on Christmas day, but also means that next week-end will be skate-less, too. The water department says it takes too much water to flood the park and that the last time nearly three million gallons were used between 6 p. m. and 7 a. m. The department does hold out some hope for next week, however, and Supt. Kernan believes he will be able to open the flood gates next Monday night, or possibly Sunday.

Good skating for Christmas seemed assured last Sunday, but a rapidly rising temperature allowed the ice to soften and hundreds of skate runners did the rest. It is very soft and uneven at present and bitter disappointment will reign in many homes tomorrow when sister and brother must admire their skates indoors and wait for another day to "try them out."

WEAVERS STRIKE AT BEAVER BROOK

The weavers employed at the Beaver Brook mill in Collinsville, a plant of the American Woolen Co., are out on strike because of some labor difficulty. As far as could be learned the weavers left their work a couple of days ago after refusing to operate what is known as the magazine loom on blankets. It is claimed that instead of operating one loom each weaver is now requested to operate four of the magazine type with the same wage and hence the walk-out.

STORE OPENS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Max Snow of Chelsea, who opened a toy and jewelry store at 119 Merrimack street several weeks ago with the intention of conducting business there only during the holiday season, and who was yesterday convicted in police court of violating the itinerant vendor law and ordered to close his place of business by 1 p. m., has sold the business to Michael Ciesner of Revere. It is not known how long Mr. Ciesner will conduct the business.

Snow closed his store at 1 p. m. yesterday following the edict of the local court, but the establishment was re-opened later in the day under the ownership of Mr. Ciesner.

EXPORTATION OF ARMS

Licenses Revoked But Sharper Restrictions on Sending Arms to Mexico

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Revocation effective Jan. 1 of all licenses issued by the war trade board prior to last September 30, for the exportation of arms and munitions of war to Mexico, was announced today by the state department.

It was said officially at the state department that the situation regarding the exportation of arms to Mexico was not changed by the order, but it was learned that the government intends to impose even sharper restrictions on the exportation of arms and munitions to Mexico than it has heretofore.

LAMSON COMPANY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Lamson company in Walker street announced a Christmas gift to all its employes today in the form of group insurance policies, free to all men and women who have been in its employ for more than six months. The announcement was made in pamphlet form by W. F. Merrill, president, and also contained hearty wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The announcement is somewhat similar to others made recently in Lowell mills, with the exception that the Lamson policies vary from $200 to $2000, according to the length of service. Other insurance plans recently put into effect have limits of $1000 and $1500. The lowest amount, $200, is for employes who have been in the service of the company six months and less than a year and it increases in a yearly graduated scale until 20 years are reached.

The announcement, in part, follows: "To the Employes of the Lamson Co.: "In recognition of your faithful and loyal service and with an appreciation of your interest in the comfort and peace of mind of those who are dependent upon you, we have arranged to insure the lives of all the employes of the Lamson Company who have been associated with the company for a period of six months or more. The amount of such insurance is graded according to the length of service of the individual employe.

"New employes will be insured as soon as they have completed six months of service and their continuous service will entitle them to increased insurance benefits.

"No medical examination is required. Insurance will cease upon the termination of employment, except in such cases where the employes have been temporarily dismissed for lack of work and return later to the employ of the company.

"This insurance is provided at the expense of the Lamson company and no deductions from wages, or subscriptions of any kind, are involved. It in no way takes the place of or interferes with any mutual benefit associations or compensation insurance which may exist, or any other insurance which the employe may have.

"In effecting this arrangement, we desire to express in this practical manner our appreciation of the loyal service you have rendered and to extend to you our best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

"Sincerely yours,

"THE LAMSON COMPANY,
"W. I. MERRILL, President."

HAD CHRISTMAS PARTY

A very enjoyable Christmas party was given Monday afternoon by Miss Angela V. O'Brien, for her younger pupils. A musical program was given, after which games were played and a general good time enjoyed. The following young ladies assisted in serving: Misses Mary Dudley, Henrietta Condon and Helen Harrington. The pupils who took part were: Isabel Storey, Stephanie Urbanek, Kathryn Garrigan, Ruth Dupont, Mildred Coombs, Sadie Grey, Robert McAnespie, Eileen McAnespie, Viola Arvisais, Helena Urbanek, Louise Gauthier, Grace Heenan, Margaret Foye, Genevieve Callahan, Lillian St. Peter, Edna Poirier, Laura St. Peter, Raymond Rogers, Olive Coombs, Helen Gilley, Paul Riley, Geraldine Reno, Agnes Riley, Gerald Garrigan, William Cahill, Mary Cahill.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—Governor Runyon today announced his support of Major General Leonard Wood as a presidential candidate, asserting his election "would benefit the country immeasurably."

How Do You Feel When You Stoop?
Slow and sluggish movements, tired action, backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints or sore muscles indicate that something in the human system is out of order. In most cases, these symptoms are the result of waste matter or poisonous acids being left in the blood by the failure of the kidneys to properly do their work of filtering and casting out impurities from the blood.
STOPPED HIS BACKACHE
"I am 70 years old. I tried Foley Kidney Pills, thinking I needed them—as my back was hurting and aching all the time. I got so bad that when I would stoop over in the store while at work I could hardly raise up—such an awful catch in my back. After taking just one bottle of Foley Kidney Pills, my backache was entirely gone and I felt good and strong. I think they are the greatest remedy for backache and irregularities of the bladder."—W. P. Tatem, R. F. D. 1, Washington, Pa.
FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
have been used by young, middle-aged and old with complete satisfaction. You will find them different from all other remedies. They act quickly and surely and have given relief in cases of years' standing. If you have cause to suspect your kidneys are weak, disordered or inactive, you should act immediately.
SOLD BY
Burkinshaw Drug Company, 418 Middlesex street. Moody's Drug Store, 201 Central street.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

New Building Will Be Completed April 1—Model Plant Assured

Work on the erection of the new addition to St. John's hospital in Bartlett street is progressing rapidly and providing nothing unforeseen happens the new building will be ready for occupancy April 1. The addition, which will cost in the vicinity of $350,000 and which will be larger than the old building, will when completed, make St. John's the largest hospital in the city.

The new building is of brick construction, 107 feet by 94 feet, four stories high. It also contains a large basement, which will be put to great use and has an ell, which consists of a porch on each story, which can serve as sleeping quarters and sun rooms. The basement has 14 rooms, most of which will be used for medicinal purposes. On the first floor are 13 rooms with a large ward for men, a reception hall and three bath rooms. The second floor consists of 12 rooms, a ward for girls and one for boys and four bath rooms. On the third floor will be located the women's ward, 10 rooms and four bath rooms. On the fourth floor will be three operating rooms a sterilizing room, two etherizing rooms, a supply room, a recovery room, an X-ray room with dark room and developing room connected as well as a machine and record room and two bath rooms.

The new building connects with the old one, while an underground tunnel has been built connecting the new and old buildings with the laundry. The tunnel also has been extended across Stackpole street to the spot where it is planned to erect a new nurses' home. A large elevator located in the old building, serves both structures. The building is one of the finest of its kind in this part of the state. The floors with but few exceptions are of terraza, while the wood finish is of oak. The stairs are of steel with marble steps, while the walls and ceilings are all kalsomined. Both the old and new buildings are being heated from the old boiler plant, where two extra large boilers were recently installed. The boilers also heat the laundry and will heat the nurses' home when it is built. The new addition is as near fireproof as can be erected. All that remains to be done now is some carpentry work, plumbing and painting.

The general contract for the job is under the direction of Daniel H. Walker, while the sub-contracts are as follows: Carpentry, John J. O'Connor; plastering, Daniel H. Walker; painting, J. Dwyer & Co.; electricity, L. A. Derby and ornamental iron work, Arthur Knapp.

VERY BUSY CHRISTMAS AT POSTOFFICE

If you wake up Christmas morning and find that Santa Claus hasn't been quite as generous as you perhaps expected, don't feel discouraged. Because it's most probable that friend mail man will get around later in the day with the gifts you had hoped for; or the next morning, at the latest.

Reason Uncle Sam's mail man may be a trifle tardy this year is because, first, the Christmas business at the local postoffice has been a record breaker; second, the floor capacity of the office has been inadequate to care for the holiday demands; and third, the electric lights decided to go out in the building early last evening, and held up the Christmas work for over two hours.

And although Postmaster Meehan and his force of clerks are working with might and main today to make up for the time lost last evening, the postmaster is afraid that some of the gifts and holiday greetings may arrive a trifle late in local homes.

The volume of parcel post business at the local office for the past few days defies description. Nothing like it has been known in postoffice annals, declares the postmaster, who said that it is impossible to estimate the tremendous amount of letters, cards and parcels which have been coming into the office in a steady stream for the past several days.

Just why Lowell people are doing such an unprecedented amount of "giving" the postmaster does not pretend to know. It is possibly because of the high wages being paid in all lines of endeavor, he said, and then again, the return of so many doughboys and blue jackets from overseas may have a lot to do with it. But the fact remains that never did such a tremendous amount of holiday business pass through the postoffice.

SEC. DANIELS' XMAS MESSAGE TO SAILORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Daniels today sent the following message to all naval vessels and stations:

"Christmas greetings to all in the naval service. Demobilization has lost many shipmates who were with us last Christmas, when we celebrated the peace the navy had helped to win, but they are still our comrades. The glory of achievement abides with all who served in the world war. May the blessings of the peace won, and the blessings of the Prince of Peace cheer every heart this Christmas time."

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

A Christmas carol festival and tree in the church, followed by a visit to the parish house, where the good old saint will be much in evidence, will be the high lights of this evening's holiday exercises at St. John's Episcopal church. Holy communion will be celebrated in the church tomorrow morning at 8 and 10 o'clock, with special Christmas music.

O.M.I. CADETS ANNUAL OFFICERS' BALL

Detailed arrangements for the annual officers' ball of the O.M.I. Cadets were discussed at a meeting of the officers held last evening in the cadet armory in East Merrimack st. The affair will be held in Associate hall Jan. 7 and the first rehearsal of the grand march will be on the preceding Sunday.

The welcome home celebration to the veterans of the cadets will be held on January 6 and every cadet who served in the world war is asked to send his name to Rev. Denis A. Sullivan, O.M.I., spiritual director, before next Monday evening for at that time the celebration committee will make final arrangements for the affair.

May Act in Naval Row

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into the open with the publication of a letter written by Admiral Sims to Secretary Daniels in which he declined to accept his Distinguished Service Medal unless the list of awards were revised to include those recommended by him to receive the second highest naval decoration.

In his letter, Admiral Sims said that of the 19 officers recommended by him for the Distinguished Service Medal, only six received it. He declared that a commanding officer present was best qualified to judge the relative merits of officers entitled to reward, that a board of awards system could not be fair and that officers in important administrative posts on shore occupied relatively more responsible positions than those serving at sea.

Secretary Daniels in his report to the committee said the entire controversy revolved around the question which class of service—short or sea—was more important. He expressed the opinion that only shore duty of the highest importance should be recognized equally with position of grave danger in the active war zone. He declared that under the law and by authority of the president, it was the secretary of the navy's duty to make the final decision.

In response to Admiral Sims' statement that the commanding officers of ships sunk by enemy submarines should not receive decorations, Secretary Daniels said that in his opinion the Distinguished Service Medal should be awarded to those officers in command of ships of the navy which were sunk by submarine attack and whose conduct was meritorious.

Bliss Tells of Europe's Need

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tent which would inevitably react on the other countries.

General Bliss saw no possibility of including Russia in the distribution plan, but he said if the present so-called government of that country "would play fair with the rest of the world for 30 days and during that time the general distribution of necessities could be worked out to include Russia," he believed the present situation in that country would be completely changed.

Reviewing the developments which led finally to the organization of the supreme war council with General Foch as generalissimo, General Bliss expressed the belief that if this action had been taken in 1914, the war would have been materially shortened, that the Russian revolution would never have occurred, the Dardanelles expedition would not have been undertaken and the principal military disasters to the allies averted.

Was Good Santa Claus

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ing whiskers without which no Santa Claus would be acceptable.

There was also a tree—and such a tree. Loaded with mistletoe and gifts for the members of the office force, probation officers and invited guests, which last of course included Judge Enright.

Interspersed with the efforts of Santa Claus were entertainment numbers. Edward Slattery, professor of probation, offered several zipful songs and William Carroll, assistant clerk, spoke interestingly on various subjects—very various, in fact.

And there were presents and presents. Time does not permit us to enumerate them all. Clerk Trull received a baby doll among other things. Santa Claus Dowd found a splendid rattle on a lower bough of the tree. Some one else won a salt cellar, to be used, the inscription stated, if he was feeling too fresh.

Professor Slattery found awaiting him a large empty flask. There was also something written on the wrapper which ran about like this:

"Mum's extra dry,
So am I,
Let's to Omar apply;
He's got the supply"

Mrs. Emma Brown, clerk, received a Maxwell touring car. It wasn't a very large one, though.

And they all wished that Christmas and Santa Claus Dowd would come oftener.

MR. CLIFFORD DIES AS RESULT OF FALL

Warren Clifford, a well known business man, died this morning at the Lowell Corporation hospital as a result of a fractured skull which he received Sunday when he fell down a flight of stairs at his home, 73 Fort Hill avenue.

Mr. Clifford had conducted a dye house in Andover street for a great many years. His age was 79 years, 9 months and 1 day. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Adeline N. Clifford and a sister, Mrs. Ella F. Ladd. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Undertaker George W. Healey in Branch street.

WILL A-CAROLLING GO

The young people of the Worthen St. Baptist church will go "carolling" tonight, and all who are to participate are asked to meet Rev. Mr. Woodbury, the pastor, at the church at 6 p. m. A Christmas program for the children will be held tomorrow evening in the church, at which a large spruce tree covered with gifts will be the centre of attraction.

Hoover Says He Is Not a Candidate

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Rumors that he would be a candidate for president were dismissed by Herbert Hoover here yesterday. "I have no political aspirations," said Mr. Hoover, "and am perfectly contented with my present work, that of providing three million European babies with milk and healthy food."

Soldier Kills Sweetheart and Himself

FREDONIA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Joseph Huels, a recently returned soldier, today shot and killed Miss Eleanor Carroll, 19 years old, and then killed himself. Huels and Miss Carroll had been sweethearts for several years. Miss Carroll was local manager of the Western Union Telegraph office.

$50,699,003 to Canadian Soldiers

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Returned Canadian soldiers who have taken up agriculture have obtained loans aggregating $50,699,003 from the soldiers' settlement board, it was announced today. More than 16,000 loans have been made.

All Kansas Miners Ordered Back

PITTSBURG, Kas., Dec. 24.—All Kansas miners, striking in protest against the sending to jail of their president, Alexander Howat, were ordered to return to work by district officials this afternoon. The order went out by direction of Howat, who communicated with his officers by telephone.

Send $7,000,000 Worth of Gin to Cuba

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24.—Gin valued at $7,000,000 was being loaded on a train of 27 cars in readiness for a start at midnight, of a race to get it safely past the three mile limit toward Havana, Cuba, before the bonds expire Jan. 14. The liquor will be exported through New York. Armed men will accompany the shipment to prevent tampering with it en route.

Pershing's Tour Will End in February

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—General Pershing's tour of inspection of military posts in the far west and along the Mexican border, will end in the middle of February, according to the official program made public today.

Bank by Mail
It's Convenient
You are able to take advantage of the banking facilities we offer just as well as though you were located next door to us. Distance makes no difference. The mail is most convenient.
OPEN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT BY MAIL WITH
Cosmopolitan Trust Co.
60 DEVONSHIRE ST., BOSTON
Send for Booklet "Banking by Mail"
Our Banking by Mail system brings the bank to your door.
4½% IS THE RATE WE HAVE BEEN PAYING
Money Goes on Interest the 1st and 15th of every month.
Our foreign department connects you with the entire world.

Sporting News and Newsy Sports

"JUDGE" HARKINS STAR

Lowell Captain and Pence Feature in Overtime Victory Over Providence

Capt. Ferdinand Harkins, Lowell's brilliant poloist, was more brilliant than ever last night and his remarkable playing was principally responsible for the Lowell victory over Providence in the first overtime game of the season on the local floor. The score was 5 to 4.

Harkins had been serving on the jury in addition to playing polo for the last month, but yesterday he received his discharge from judicial duty and celebrated the event by handing out a severe sentence to the invading Gold Bugs. But before rendering the verdict additional time was required. In fact it looked for a time as if the decision were going against us. In the third period the "jurors" on the bleachers looked downhearted and discouraged as the other side seemed to be putting forth the best argument.

But Lowell came stronger in the "rebuttal" and when the regulation time had expired there was a deadlock. In other words the score was 4 to 4. After a brief lull the ten men returned to the cage and the "case" was resumed. The decision was hanging in the balance. It was decreed that the first side to score a point would win the verdict. No judicial body ever worked harder to arrive at a speedy climax than those men who were putting forth their best efforts for Lowell and Providence.

As the weight of evidence was against Lowell, following a reverse the night before at Providence, it was necessary to advance a strong "plea." Harkins assumed the task, but he was aided and abetted by the wonderful defense put forth by Pence. The Lowell cage custodian was impregnable. The opposition hammered desperately but could not break down the barrier. Finally with the tide of battle shifting from one side to the other, Harkins' offensive partner, Griffith, with lightning like foresight saw the chance to get that deciding point and he slipped the tip—or rather the ball to Harkins—and presto, into the net for a decision that could not be overruled. No verdict was ever more vigorously applauded. It brought victory, a glorious outcome after one of the greatest and most bitterly contested battles, legal or otherwise, of the season.

Seldom has a contest of any kind developed such artistry, such wonderful skill and co-ordination as that of last night. It was a fight all the way, rough at times, but not unnecessarily so. Action characterized every minute of play. There was much skating and driving and expert team work by both clubs. The fans were on edge all night and those who shouted and cheered, pleaded and jeered will not soon forget the exhibition. Both teams were at their best and while the remarkable work of Harkins and Pence stood out prominently, all others contributed materially to the high class demonstration of polo.

The game opened up in whirlwind fashion. After seven minutes of play, Lanky Barry Thompson caged the sphere. Harkins followed with a brace and the period ended 2 to 1. The second session was a continuation of the speedy play.

Thompson and Williams registered and Providence took the lead but Griffith soon hammered one in and the score was three all. Williams duplicated and the count was 4 to 3 in favor of Providence. The third period opened with excitement at a high pitch and all hands playing as never before. Both teams had committed two fouls and a third one meant the loss of a point. Finally Harkins poked one in creating a tie, and the rink rocked with enthusiasm. Then each team went out to land that big deciding goal, but soon the horn sounded and extra time was necessary. The going was so fast during the 45 minutes of play that all enjoyed the brief respite. In the overtime session all waded in with determination. The ball banged from one end of the cage to the other. Players dashed around with dazzling speed. Goal tends kicked and jumped around with machine-like precision. Lyons, the big hard driving Providence halfback, got the ball in position for a long drive, but he changed his mind and attempted to pass it to Williams, but Griffith intercepted and shot the ball to Harkins and the Lowell "Cap" slipped it by Hueffner's pads and the opposition's fate was sealed. It was all over but the cheering and some cheering followed. Cheers for the losers as well as the winners accompanied the players as they left for their dressing rooms. The lineup and score:

LOWELL	PROVIDENCE
Davies 1r	1r Williams
Harkins 2r	2r Thompson
Griffith c	c Brown
Cameron b	b Lyons
Pence g	g Hueffner

Won by	Caged by	Time
FIRST PERIOD		
Providence	Thompson	6.58
Lowell	Harkins	2.43
Lowell	Harkins	4.01
SECOND PERIOD		
Providence	Williams	3.16
Providence	Thompson	5.56
Lowell	Griffith	.20
Providence	Williams	1.59
THIRD PERIOD		
Lowell	Harkins	9.27
OVERTIME		
Lowell	Harkins	13.40

Summary: Score, Lowell 5, Providence 4. Rushes, Davies 6, R. Williams 7. Stops, Pence 63, Hueffner 43. Fouls, Cameron, Williams, Lyons, Griffith. Referee, Knowlton.

WHALERS WON

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 24.—The New Bedford club won over Lawrence here last night in a fast game, 6 to 2. One of Hart's three goals went through a hole in the cage, but the referee allowed it. Lawrence got one goal by an accident, Doherty hooking the ball in while attempting to pull it from under Conley's feet. The lineup and score:

NEW BEDFORD	LAWRENCE
Mulligan 1r	1r Duggan
B. Hart 2r	2r Kehoe
Muirhead c	c Ryan
Doherty b	b Finnell
Conley g	g Blount

Won by	Caged by	Time
FIRST PERIOD		
New Bedford	Hart	.27
SECOND PERIOD		
New Bedford	Mulligan	14.41
New Bedford	Muirhead	2.07
New Bedford	Hart	9.08
THIRD PERIOD		
Lawrence	Duggan	10.09
New Bedford	Muirhead	4.25
Lawrence	Accident	4.35
New Bedford	Hart	1.33

Summary: Score, New Bedford 6, Lawrence 2. Rushes, Mulligan 7, Duggan 4. Stops, Conley 31, Blount 65. Referee, Graham. Timer, Taber.

BOXING BOUTS HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

The stage is all set for the big holiday boxing carnival at the Crescent rink tomorrow night, when Johnny Downes, lightweight champion of New England and Frankie Brown, the sensational New York battler will meet for the second time before Lowell fans.

Downes is in great condition following a lively bout with Howard McRae at Roxbury on Monday night. He laid off yesterday and did light work today and his manager sends the word that he was never in better condition. He realizes that Brown will give him a hard battle all the way, but feels confident that he will add another victory to his long list.

Reports from New York bring the information that Brown never trained harder than for the coming bout and that he will be greatly disappointed if he fails to emerge from the encounter on top.

Downes and Brown met here on the last holiday, Thanksgiving day, and their whirlwind number is still the talk of the town. All look for another animated number, and if the bout is as good as the former meeting, those who fail to attend will miss a rare treat.

Billy Mulvey, of the South End and Young Nerney of Centralville are to perform in the semi-final, and there will be two six round preliminaries.

Boston writers give Frank Mollins much credit for his showing against Billy Woods at Roxbury on Monday night. Mollins entered the ring with an injured right hand, and despite the fact that he tackled a main bout performer and a rugged fighter, he stayed in there and gamely fought all the way. He lost the decision after 8 hard rounds but in defeat he made many friends.

DECIDE ON NUMBERING FOOTBALL PLAYERS

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 24.—Whether Harvard's eleven shall wear numbers in the New Year's Day game with Oregon, is one of the questions which the Tournament of Roses football committee will seek to decide as soon as the crimson team arrives Friday. Oregon's team like other Pacific coast elevens, carried numbers in all games of the past season, but opposition to their so doing in the New Year's game, unless Harvard also adopts the system, is said to have developed.

Selection of officials also may cause discussion when the easterners make their appearance, according to persons close to "Shy" Huntington, Oregon's coach. Harvard's expressed wish for A. G. Van Surdam, formerly of Wesleyan, and D. W. Merriman, Pennsylvania referee, is said to be opposed by Huntington, who favors Robert Maxwell, of Philadelphia for one, if an eastern man is chosen, and either W. S. Klenholz, Pasadena, George M. Varnell, Spokane, Washn., or Sam Dolan Corvallis, Oregon for another.

Meanwhile, however, Huntington is bending every energy toward getting his charges in the best possible condition. The schedule of two workouts daily started Monday, is expected to continue the remainder of the week with a possible layoff Saturday afternoon to permit the Oregonians to watch the California interscholastic football championship contest here.

GAINER, SMITH AND JIM THORPE ARE SOLD

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Three Boston players were sold yesterday, two by the Red Sox, and one by the Braves, all for a cash consideration.

Del Gainer and Paul Smith go to Milwaukee of the American association, and Jim Thorpe, the Indian, was bought from the Braves by the Akron club of the International league.

Gainer came to the Red Sox via the waiver route from Detroit in 1914. He had been with the Tigers for four years previous to this, and had the most discouraging experience in the way of injuries during this period. His ill-luck followed him, and Hoblitzel, who was purchased from Cincinnati about the same time, became the regular first-sacker. Gainer being used as a utility man, mostly.

Smith is an outfielder, and came to the Boston club from Montreal with Whiteman in 1917, but never had a chance to show, as he was almost immediately drafted into the service. He may be back in the big league later, for working under the direction of Clarence Rowland is sure to bring out any exceptional talent he may have.

The sale of Jim Thorpe by the Braves will not be much of a surprise. Thorpe was a great football star, starting at Carlisle, and the world's greatest all-round athlete, but never developed into the ball player it was thought he would.

He came to the Boston club last season in exchange for Pitcher Pat Ragan. He participated in 60 games, sometimes as a pinch hitter, and in 159 times at bat made 52 hits, including seven doubles, three triples and one home run, for a percentage of .327, which was better than that made by Roush, who, by virtue of having played in 133 games, in which he went to bat 504 times and finishing with an average of .321, was admittedly the leading batter of the National league.

POLO NOTES

Tomorrow afternoon at 3.15 o'clock the Fall River Tigers will play Lowell at the Crescent rink.

After a little slump Fred Jean has his Tigers again travelling at a fast clip and the fans in Fall River are still confident that the Big Fellow will bring his team out on top.

On Friday night the rival Lawrence team will play here.

POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Salem	28	19	59.6
New Bedford	26	20	56.5
Worcester	23	22	51.1
Fall River	24	23	51.1
Lowell	20	23	46.5
Lawrence	21	26	44.7
Providence	18	27	40.0

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Lowell 5, Providence 4
New Bedford 6, Lawrence 2.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Lowell at Worcester.
New Bedford at Fall River.
Lawrence at Salem.

THE BOOTT MILLS BOWLING LEAGUE

Two zestful games were rolled in the Boott Mills Bowling league Monday evening. The winners were Crockett's Wonders and Sanford's Gingers. Scores:

CROCKETT'S WONDERS				
Boylo	84	88	82	254
D. Mullarkey	91	83	87	261
Williams	85	76	101	262
Heald	88	99	101	288
F. Woods	90	117	86	293
Morin	99	100	81	280
Totals	537	563	538	1658
GILMAN'S PETS				
Ragen	78	91	84	253
Creegan	86	79	81	246
Gendreau	72	79	77	228
Silva	84	85	79	248
Duff	88	84	89	261
Cox	99	82	81	262
Totals	507	500	491	1498

COLUMBIA BOWLING LEAGUE

The Locusts had an easy time with the Oaks in the Columbia bowling league last evening, taking all four points. The rolling of Cottingham and McLaughlin featured. Score:

LOCUSTS				
Rourke	92	83	88	263
Dalton	88	85	89	262
Ayer	84	78	109	271
McGrath	86	107	102	295
Cottingham	86	101	118	305
Totals	436	454	506	1396
OAKS				
Delehanty	87	86	82	255
Powers	92	93	84	269
McCarthy	78	76	87	241
Coady	86	79	87	252
McLaughlin	87	101	118	306
Totals	430	436	458	1323
NELSON'S FIRECRACKERS				
Royds	72	70	76	228
Hopwood	73	74	69	216
S. Woods	86	80	65	221
Roche	78	92	92	262
McKenzie	76	106	80	262
Manus	73	92	105	270
Totals	458	514	487	1459
SANFORD'S GINGERS				
Mullarkey	98	103	94	295
Dearborn	70	73	83	231
Nyberg	82	87	83	252
Fratus	91	84	88	263
Marsh	88	94	87	269
Roarke	125	100	92	317
Totals	554	546	522	1627

STANDING AND AVERAGES

	Won	Lost
Sanfords	17	7
Crocketts	16	8
Nelsons	12	12
Gilmans	3	21

Rourke 99.8, Manus 94.17, F. Woods 94.5, W. Mullarkey 92.13, Heald 92.5, Morin 91.14, Boyle 91.4, Cox 91.1, Marsh 90.13, Fratus 89.6, D. Mullarkey 88.4, McKenzie 87.13, Duff 87.13, Williams 85.16, Gendreau 85.8, Nyberg 85.4, S. Woods 84.8, Roche 81, Silva 83.13, Royds 82.16, Creegan 82.13, Ragen 80.2, Hopwood 79.5 Dearborn 78.1.

K. OF C. AND WORSTED LEAGUE BOWLERS

The K. of C. bowlers and United States Worsted league held forth on the local alleys last evening and several good games were rolled. Scores:

K. of C.

COLUMBIAS				
O'Neil	82	97	92	271
Moran	87	97	92	276
Ford	80	82	98	260
McQuaid	106	113	118	337
Totals	355	389	400	1144
SANTA MARIAS				
Rogers	104	96	84	284
Mullen	77	96	93	266
Cawley	80	113	100	293
Coughlin	99	117	85	301
Totals	360	422	362	1144
ISABELLAS				
F. Groves	96	86	84	266
G. Groves	93	98	78	269
McLarney	90	97	92	279
Reynolds	91	95	92	278
Winn	99	91	90	280
Totals	469	467	436	1372
TRINIDADS				
Smith	91	70	82	243
Callery	103	90	99	292
Murphy	96	104	94	294
Queenan	81	95	89	265
Bernadini	119	100	102	321
Totals	490	459	466	1414

U. S. Worsted League

WEAVE ROOM NO. 2				
G. Hamm	75	80	78	233
P. Breault	81	83	85	249
Nugent	82	85	84	251
Machia	75	93	75	243
Connerton	76	87	86	249
Totals	389	428	408	1225
MENDING ROOM				
A. Dean	71	77	81	229
Ira Booth	79	75	99	253
W. Sykes	72	91	91	254
A. Walker	80	83	91	264
E. Lemke	95	99	88	282
Totals	397	425	450	1272
HARNESS RAISERS				
L. Greaves	79	77	80	236
Dawson	86	75	84	245
Hamm	89	94	77	260
Nugent	73	75	80	221
Begin	77	81	84	242
Totals	403	402	405	1210
PLUSH ROOM				
McLaughlin	73	85	93	251
Morris	74	74	93	241
McNamara	90	84	79	253
Wagner	68	81	72	221
Beauchesne	84	80	93	257
Totals	389	404	430	1223
STOCK ROOM				
Gorman	90	77	80	247
Gentle	84	80	85	249
Molloy	80	102	74	256
Nugent	77	65	98	240
Rheault	55	77	81	213
Totals	386	401	418	1205
WEAVE ROOM NO. 3				
Wagner	71	73	78	222
Verfaillie	83	65	80	228
Coughlin	79	80	79	238
Dube	71	91	80	242
Beauchesne	79	84	72	235
Totals	383	393	389	1165

Other Games

MOOSE				
Bailey	93	96	94	283
Casey	75	102	86	263
Goodson	71	85	94	250
Whelan	100	101	96	297
Lane	113	107	96	316
Totals	472	491	466	1409
ODD FELLOWS				
Broadbent	103	113	94	310
Wilkinson	98	86	79	243
Carter	94	81	77	252
Neild	82	77	119	278
Hurst	102	81	111	294
Totals	459	438	480	1377

SCHOOLBOY TENNIS WONDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—New York boasts of a new schoolboy tennis wonder in the person of Charles M. Wood, Jr., 14 years old, of the De Witt Clinton high school. Playing in the semi-finals of the junior indoor national championships here yesterday the youth easily won his match and displayed such powerful service and speed at volleying that experts among the spectators were fairly dazzled.

Wood will meet Valentine Gress of Peddie Institute, Heightstown, N. J., for the title on Friday.

PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE BOXING AS INTERCOLLEGIATE MINOR SPORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—When the National Collegiate Athletic association holds its annual meeting here on Dec. 30, one of the subjects to be discussed will be a proposal to introduce boxing as intercollegiate minor sport. College physical directors said today that boxing, probably more than any other sport, received a "tremendous impetus" during the war, and that there is a general demand among students for the adoption of the "manly art."

Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, head of the department of physical education at the University of Pennsylvania is among the leaders in the movement.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The adoption of boxing as an intercollegiate sport will be urged by University of Pennsylvania athletic authorities at the meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic associations in New York next week. In making this announcement today, Major M. J. Pickering, graduate manager of Pennsylvania said he favored three round bouts with two minutes to each round. This, he added, would be long enough for the average college boxer.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The expected invasion of the United States by British golfers next summer, may cause the United States Golf association to move the national open golf championship farther down on the calendar than the position occupied last spring. The association holds its annual meeting here on January 9 to select the courses and dates for the golf fixtures.

Local golfers, interested in reports that Harry Vardon, J. H. Taylor, Abe Mitchell, James Braid and other British experts would come to America, said today that the national open championship might be held in the fall in order to allow the Britishers a chance to participate.

Walter Hagen, Tom McNamara, and other Americans plan to invade England next April and try for British honors and the reciprocal visits are looked upon with high favor by golfing enthusiasts here.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Local officials of the Amateur Athletic Union were interested today in the movement started by Mike J. Ryan, an army athletic director during the war, and now in charge of athletics at Colby college, to organize an independent branch of the union in the state of Maine. Formal preliminary negotiations already have been made.

At present Maine is under the jurisdiction of the New England A.A.U., with headquarters at Boston. Under the plan outlined by Ryan, the new organization's membership would include the colleges, high schools, Y.M.C.A., and Knights of Columbus branches and American Legion clubs in the state.

URGES U. S. SENATE TO RATIFY TREATY

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The American chamber of commerce of London has addressed messages to United States Senators Lodge and Hitchcock on the subject of ratification of the peace treaty.

The American chamber of commerce is composed of representatives of all the leading American bankers, merchants and business firms doing business in Great Britain and also of the leading British shipping, banking and business concerns trading with the United States. The latter, however, have no voting power, the control of the chamber being in the hands of firms incorporated in America and American citizens. The message follows:

"The failure of the United States to ratify the treaty and enter into working arrangements with the allies is causing our motives for entering the war and our hesitation in going into the reconstruction plans to be misrepresented and misunderstood.

"America owes it to herself as well as to the world to come to the help of the disorganized and starving portions of Europe. The international machinery started by the peace conference is failing to pieces. All actual progress toward peace is checked, and peoples are slowly drifting toward famine and anarchy, which can be remedied if the United States will decide quickly and assume her responsibilities. Business, manufacture, transportation and even agriculture are wholly or partly paralyzed.

"Whether the covenant be ratified as it stands or with reservations is infinitely less important than that some international working arrangements be agreed on which will remove the uncertainty and enable private enterprise, upon which the main burden of reconstruction must fall, to get to work without further delay.

"We, therefore, urge you to use your utmost endeavors to secure ratification of the treaty, with such reservations as may have to be made to break the present deadlock."

DARING ROBBERY

18 Men Lined Up Against Wall and Relieved of $2000

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Three hold-up men entered the Eugene R. Duffy association clubrooms early today, lined 18 members up against the wall and escaped with $2000 in cash and personal property.

NOTED BARITONE ARRIVES

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Tito Ruffo, noted baritone, was among the passengers arriving here today on the Italian steamship Giuseppe Verdi from Genoa and Naples.

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MAN wanted for life insurance company; is to be solicitor and collector. Apply Room 206, Sun building.

TWO EXPERIENCED REELERS wanted. Mohair Plush Co.

ELDERLY WOMAN wanted to take care of children. Inquire 167 Warren st. Call after 5 p. m.

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BOOKS, novels, records, player rolls, Merritt's Book Store, 277 Middlesex st.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of Martha Louise Blanchard, late of Tyngsborough, in said County, deceased:

Whereas Richard B. Walsh, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, with the will annexed, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the sixth day of January, A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of William H. Timson, late of Dracut, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Harria A. Timson of Dracut in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of January, A. D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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LOST AND FOUND

SMALL PURSE containing over $10 lost Sunday night between First Baptist church and armory via Appleton and Westford sts. Reward at 14 Hastings st.

GOLD WATCH lost between 51 Pine and 27 Lane sts. Reward at either address.

WILL SOME HONEST PERSON return the Persian lamb muff that was lost Thursday afternoon? Reward $10. Mrs. A. Fels, 957 Lakeview ave.

GENT'S SILVER WATCH lost Dec 12, between Sixth and Jewett sts. Reward by calling Tel. 5638-J.

SUM OF MONEY found. Owner may have by paying for this adv. and proving property. 53 John st., Room 7.

SMALL DIAMOND PIN lost Saturday afternoon on North Chelmsford car, Keith's or square. Address K-3, Sun office. Reward.

THE PERSON seen picking up money on Shaw st. Saturday will please return to 673 School st. and save trouble. Reward.

LADY'S BLACK POCKETBOOK lost Saturday evening on Central, Prescott sts., or postoffice. Reward. Return 222 Worthen st. Mr. J. Summers. Call at noon or after 5 p. m.

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6.51	7.32	nb8.21	9.37
b6.30	7.53	9.00	10.39
6.57	8.00	10.00	10.53
7.36	8.37	11.30	12.00
9.01	9.42	12.30	1.11
10.05	11.05	b1.05	1.58
11.13	11.56	2.15	3.15
12.10	1.03	2.50	3.41
1.47	2.35	4.00	4.43
2.45	3.42	4.05	5.27
b3.30	4.12	5.00	5.52
4.00	4.45	b5.31	6.43
4.12	5.28	5.38	6.35
5.28	6.11	b6.50	7.13
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16.05	7.28	8.00	8.41
6.25	7.10	8.30	9.11
8.16	9.00	10.30	11.40
9.65	10.41	11.52	12.36

Portland Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.
6.33	7.36	r6.35	8.11
10.53	12.03	10.35	11.36
5.14pm	6.15	3.25	4.44
7.12	8.25	5.14	6.15
9.50	11.01	6.55	8.16
		9.59	11.15

Sunday Trains Portland Division			
12.07	1.20	8.22	[illegible]
8.40	4.46	6.16	[illegible]
6.41	7.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.55	10.08		

Sunday Trains Southern Division			
6.44	7.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
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8.25	[illegible]	11.[illegible]	12.[illegible]
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b via Bedford; a via Salem jct.; c via Wilmington jct. n not holidays. [illegible]

PROTEST FROM MEXICO

Council Objects to Projected Philanthropic Intervention by U. S. League

MEXICO CITY, Tuesday, Dec. 23.—Resolutions of protest against "projected philanthropic intervention in Mexican affairs by the recent reformed childhood conservation league of the United States," were passed at a meeting of the Mexican feminist council today. The league, which, it is said, "proposes, with the financial backing of a group of the largest and best known magnates of the United States, to spend from $2,000,000 to $4,000,000 annually on charitable propaganda in Mexico," is said to be a "far-sighted scheme to bring about ultimate intervention in Mexican affairs."

Signora Elena Torres, general secretary of the feminist council today gave a statement to the Associated Press, in which she declared that "Mexican women hold Mexico itself to be best able to judge its own needs and to find a way to satisfy them in due time. Outside aid, however, well meant, is entirely uninvited."

"The Mexican feminist council also holds," the statement says, "that, aside from the gratuitous nature of the proposed philanthropic intervention, there is underlying a more sinister motive than the projected foundation of hospitals, churches and asylums in every Mexican state as is revealed by the fact that those persons financially supporting the movement are the same individuals who have agitated most insistently for intervention and curtailment of Mexican liberties."

MEXICO CITY, Tuesday, Dec. 23.—The Mexican delegation to the second Pan-American financial conference in Washington in January will be headed by Ygnacio Bonillas, Mexican ambassador at Washington, it was announced today.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PRESENTATION

A jolly Christmas party was held this afternoon in the office of the government production clerks at the Lawrence street plant of the U. S. Cartridge Co., when business associates of Paul A. Bevan, assistant to Major Cole, presented him a splendidly equipped traveling bag. The clerks presented the gift through Warren Sanborn and Mr. Bevan graciously acknowledged it and expressed sincere appreciation of the spirit which prompted the thought. The office had been previously decorated with Christmas greens by the young women of the department and in this atmosphere sociability continued throughout the afternoon. Luncheon also was served. Among those present were the Misses Rowe, Griffith, Atkinson, Miller, Egan, Conway, O'Neil, McGrath and Burns and Messrs. Bevan, G. Burns, Drayton, Goodnough, McKay, Sanborn, Evans, Donnelly, McCarthy and McNamara.

Rival republicans are rather superstitious. At every opportunity they knock on Wood.

SOMERVILLE JOINS IN THE LICENSE COLUMN

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Somerville had its first biennial city election yesterday and for the first time since the local option law went into effect the city voted in favor of license, 2777 to 2301. The total vote of the city was small, only 5335 of a registration of about 14,000 going to the polls.

Mayor Charles W. Eldridge, republican, now serving his second term, was re-elected for the two-year term by a vote of 3995 to 1044 for John A. Kyle, the democratic candidate.

The board of aldermen consists of 21 members, seven aldermen-at-large and 14 ward aldermen, two from each ward. The republicans elected seven aldermen-at-large and 11 ward aldermen. The democrats elected three ward aldermen, a gain of one over their membership in the present board.

Democrats Make Gains

The republicans elected 10 and the democrats four members of the school committee, a gain of two for the democrats who elected in ward two, William T. McCarthy, formerly assistant district attorney of Middlesex county; and Francis J. Fitzpatrick. There was but one contest for alderman-at-large, and that was in ward 2, where Alderman Robert C. Harris, republican, defeated ex-Alderman William E. Murgrave, independent, 2961 to 1478.

The democrats had a spirited fight for ward aldermen in ward 2, where Alderman Peter F. Donnelly, now serving his second term, was defeated for re-nomination at the primaries. Yesterday Donnelly was re-elected.

DEATHS

PENNIMAN—Miss Sarah Penniman died yesterday aged 80 years. She leaves five nieces and two nephews. She was a member of the First Congregational church and of Molly Varnum chapter, D.A.R.

SYMMES—William Franklin Symmes, a well known resident of East Billerica, dropped dead yesterday afternoon as he was drawing a bucket of water from a well on the O'Heir farm, which adjoins the Symmes property. Deceased, who was 70 years of age, was apparently in his usual health yesterday, but was known to have suffered from heart failure for the past year or more. He conducted a lumber business in East Billerica for many years and built up a large and successful trade. Mr. Symmes retired from active business only a short time ago, but had busied himself with other work about his home. He leaves a wife, Lucy L. Symmes; two sons, Arthur F. and Forrest C. Symmes, both of Boston and two daughters, Mrs. Horace Wood of Readfield, Me., and Mrs. John J. Marr of Island Falls, Me.

FUNERAL NOTICES

PENNIMAN—Died Dec. 23rd, in this city, Miss Sara A. Penniman, aged 80 years, 1 month and 27 days. Funeral services will be held at the home of her niece Mrs. B. F. B. Tucker, 94 Dover street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice, burial private. Motor cortege. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

SYMMES—Died in East Billerica, Dec. 23, William Franklin Symmes, aged 70 years, 1 months and 23 days. Funeral services will be held at his home in East Billerica Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. Please omit flowers. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

TWOMBLY—The funeral of Mrs. Anne M. Twombly will take place Friday morning from the chapel of Undertaker James F. O'Donnell & Sons. A funeral mass will be sung at the Immaculate Conception church, the hour to be announced later. Burial in Calvary cemetery, Concord, N. H., in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons. Motor cortege.

FUNERALS

RUSHWORTH—The funeral of Chas. B. Rushworth took place from his home, 58 South Loring street, Monday afternoon. Rev. Chauncey L. Hawkins of the First Congregational church conducted the funeral services. Vocal selections were sung by the Mendelssohn quartet. As Mr. Rushworth had been a Mason, the burial ritual of the Masonic order was employed in the services at the grave in the Edson cemetery. Worshipful master of William North lodge, Harold D. MacDonald, conducted and was assisted by Senior Warden Arthur Bartlett, Chaplain Chas. Fleming and Marshal Arthur G. Fox. The bearers were Messrs. Charles Marshall, G. E. Marshall, Charles Hoelzel and William Hoelzel. A large number of relatives and friends attended the services and beautiful flowers were in abundance. Mr. Rushworth is survived by his wife, Mrs. Abbie F. Rushworth; two daughters, Edith of North Chelmsford and Bernice of Hawthorne, and a son, Marshal of this city. Besides his membership in William North lodge of Masons, he was active in the United Order of the Golden Cross and in the Lowell Fish and Game association. For six years he was in the hay and grain business in Fletcher street and was at one time manager of the Lowell Co-operative association. Undertaker A. A. Marshall of Lexington directed the funeral arrangements.

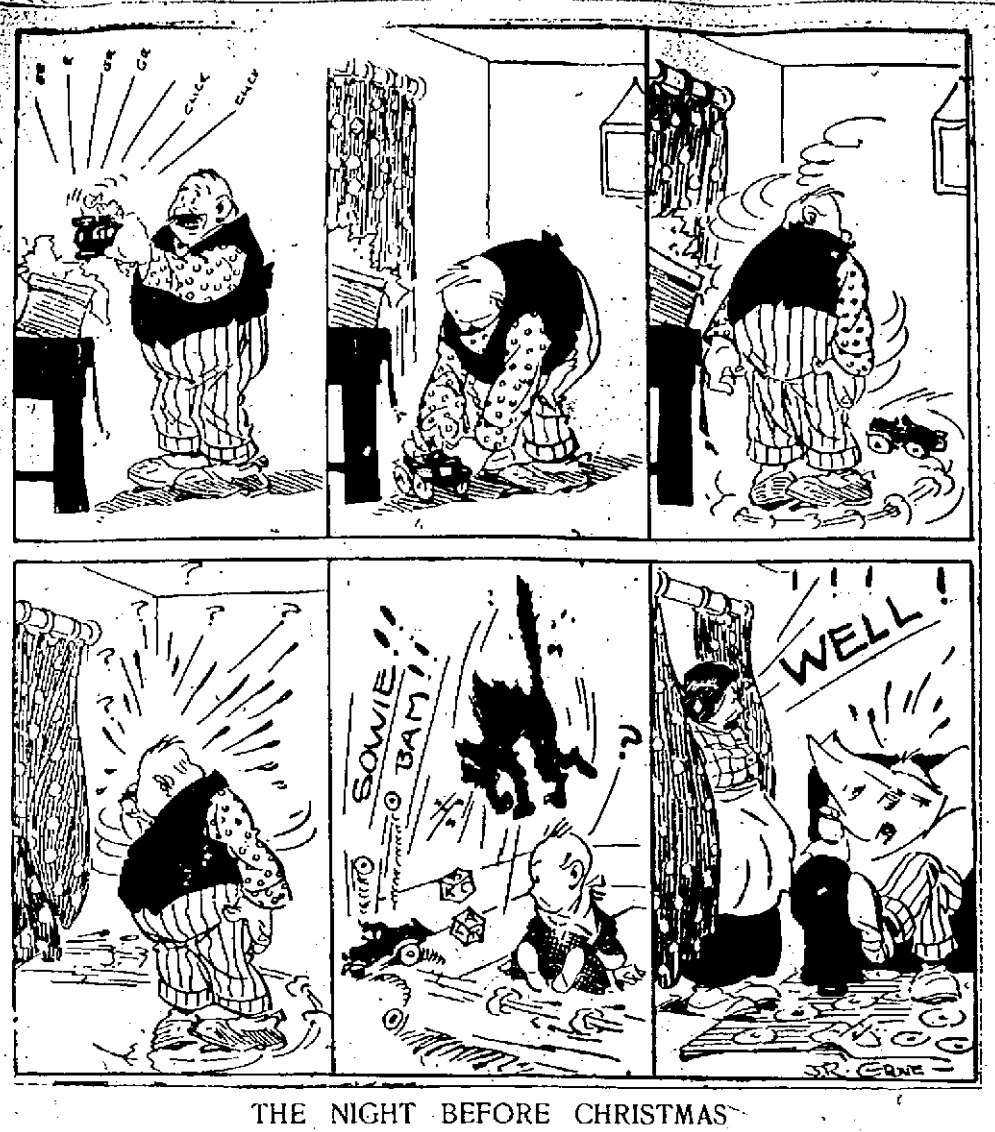
NUTTALL—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Nuttall was held from the rooms of Undertaker George W. Healey, 79 Branch street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Asa R. Dills, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church. Burial was in the Westlawn cemetery.

ORNELLAS—The funeral of Serafin Ornellas took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, Ernest and Vera Ornellas, 151 Charles street. Services were held at St. Anthony's church, the prayers being recited by Rev. Fr. Perry. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

GOMES—The funeral of John Gomes took place yesterday afternoon from his home, 445 Lawrence street. Services were held at St. Anthony's church Rev. J. S. Perry officiating. There were several beautiful floral offerings. The bearers were Joseph Mendosa, Bazil Silva and Antonio Martin. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

MEEHAN—The funeral of Mrs. Ellen (McGarrell) Meehan took place this morning at 8.30 from her home, 22 Ames street. The funeral cortege then proceeded to St. Peter's church where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Heffernan. The choir sang the Gregorian music. The solos of the mass were sung by Miss Mary Rynne and James E. Donnelly, Miss Gertrude Quigley, organist. The floral and spiritual offerings were numerous. The bearers were Edward Carolin, Owen McArdle, John Honan, Patrick Dunne, Michael Daley, Thomas Meehan. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Heffernan. Undertaker John F. Rogers in charge.

BOYLE—The funeral of Miss Mary Boyle took place this morning at 8.30 from the home of her sister, Mrs. Catline Rourke, 324 Central street, and proceeded to Sacred Heart church, where a funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. John Doherty, O.M.I. at 9 o'clock. The Gregorian mass was sung by the Sanctuary choir, under the direction of Rev. Fr. William J. Mahan, O.M.I. Master Charles O'Brien sustained the solos of the mass. Mr. John J. Kelty was organist. The funeral was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. There was a large number of floral pieces and spiritual bouquets. The bearers were Messrs. Thomas, John, Frank and Michael Boyle, Joseph Rourke, William Grady. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. John Doherty, O.M.I. The funeral was motor cortege and under the direction of Undertakers Charles H. Molloy's Sons.



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

CARD OF THANKS

To those who so kindly aided me in securing the position of superintendent of state aid and to the commissioners who voted for me, I return my sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude. I wish one and all a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM H. ARNOLD.

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Miss Eleanor McIntire of this city has been chosen a member of the student council at Dean academy.

Municipal employes were paid off at the city treasurer's office today instead of on Friday so that they might have the use of their money for Christmas. A total of $28,838.27 was distributed.

The board of health ash and garbage collectors will enjoy one of their few holidays of the year tomorrow. There will be no collections until Friday. The lower Highlands section of the city which is usually "covered" on Thursday will be taken care of Friday.

Among the Lowell young men in town for the holidays are Ensign H. B. Leggat, U. S. naval air service, and James Liston of Lehigh university. Ensign Leggat is stationed at a Virginia aviation base and has a rather short Christmas leave. Mr. Liston will return to Bethlehem, Pa., after New Year's. He enjoyed a very successful season in football, gaining and holding a varsity berth.

Friends of little Miss Doris Master, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Master of 684 Chelmsford street, gathered at her home yesterday to help in the celebration of her tenth birthday anniversary. Birthday gifts were graciously given and received and games and other pastimes made the hours pass all too swiftly. Mrs. Master served a dainty luncheon later in the afternoon.

DRACUT MAN THROWN IN RUNAWAY

John Manschu, a young man living in Camden street, Dracut, received a fracture of the left leg in a runaway accident on the Lowell-Lawrence boulevard this forenoon. The horse became frightened at a point near Haverhill street at 9.30 o'clock and started on a wild run, throwing the driver to the ground. The ambulance was called and the injured man was taken to St. John's hospital.

REAL TURKEY ON THIS DINNER MENU

Roast turkey will be the piece de resistance at the noon-day meal at the Chelmsford street hospital tomorrow. In addition to this delicious treat the bill of fare will also include cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, squash, turnip, boiled onions, mince pie, bananas, candy and oranges.

At the 7 o'clock mass at the institution tomorrow morning a special musical program will be given by Mrs. Young, Commissioner James E. Donnelly, John J. Dalton, William Gookin and Francis Burns. During the day through the courtesy of the Bon Marche company, victrola selections will be given in various parts of the institution.

THE SUN'S RAYS SURE DO PENETRATE

Do Lowell people read The Sun? Just scan this little yarn and see what you think.

Supt. Welch received a letter from a Worcester woman the other day, stating that she was ill and in needy circumstances. She believed that her brother, a Mr. Stevens, was now a resident of Lowell and asked the chief, if possible, to get in touch with him and inform him of her condition.

So the chief told local newspapermen of the request he had received and asked them to just "write a few lines about it," in the hope that it might come to the attention of Mr. Stevens.

Next day Mr. Stevens appeared at the police station and from his pocket took a clipping from The Sun. He had read of his sister's condition and left immediately for Worcester.

CHIMES WILL PLAY CHRISTMAS HYMNS

The chimes of St. Anne's will mark the eve of Christmas by playing familiar Christmas hymn tunes this evening from 7 to 7.30 o'clock, after which the first vespers of Christmas will be said in the chapel.

Tomorrow morning at 7.30 o'clock at the service of communion, the Guild of St. Cecilia will sing appropriate Christmas music. A second service will be held at 9 o'clock without music and at 10.30 the regular choir of men and boys will sing and the rector, Rev. Appleton Grannis, will deliver a brief sermon.

The festivities of the church school will be held in the parish house on Friday in the afternoon and evening. On next Sunday evening a choir of 100 voices will sing John E. West's beautiful cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," under the direction of of Fred O. Blunt, with William Heller as organist.

CHRISTMAS AT OLD HOME

Dr. William F. Ryan, the well known physician has gone to his old home in Fairfield, Vt., for the Christmas holidays.

DID SOMEONE HUM THE LOHENGRIN MARCH?

Marriage is a great institution—no family should be without it!

At least that's what little Mrs. Chester Moss and her husband say.

True, they have only been travelling in "double harness" for a few short hours. Also true they didn't know that today was to be their wedding day until shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

But they're perfectly satisfied with the turn of events, so they declared to Judge Enright after Police Clerk Trull, who is nothing if not obliging, had made them one and wished them a merry Christmas.

Mrs. Emma Brown, whose business it is to untangle the clerical tangles which will occur in the best of police offices, acted as bridesmaid, while Officer Cooney, a member of Lowell's "finest," was best man. And the two "police" reporters, aided and abetted by Omar Smith, the genial police court janitor, were the witnesses.

Chester and his little bride—who until today was known as Miss Lucille Warner—formerly lived in Newark, N. J. and have been sweethearts for several months. For some reason they neglected to have the marriage knot tied—why, they didn't say.

Anyway, a few weeks ago Lucille came to Lowell to live and last Saturday Chester also journeyed to the City of Spindles.

Shortly after the police court session opened this morning they both pleaded guilty to a statutory charge.

They were willing and anxious to get married, they told Judge Enright.

"Are you a Protestant or a Catholic?" queried the court to Lucille, in an effort to ascertain what type of clergyman she most desired to perform the ceremony.

"Neither, Your Honor," answered she. "I'm a Methodist."

In the end, everybody being willing, it was decided to have Clerk Trull, who is also a justice of the peace, guide the pair through the ordeal.

And, as aforesaid, Clerk Trull did so do, and allowed that as Christmas was almost upon us the pair could consider his services as a holiday gift and forget the matter of a fee.

So everybody wished everybody else a merry Christmas and the best of luck.

SHOP EARLY.

AND HAVE YOU LEFT FATHER TILL THE LAST? WIND UP THAT SHOPPING AND LET US MAKE TOMORROW A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Real Christmas Weather For N. E.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Real Christmas weather will greet Santa Claus when he makes his rounds tonight, in New England. Snow flurries are forecast for this afternoon and tonight.

Fail To Float Stranded Liner

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24.—Efforts of tugs to float the stranded Old Dominion liner Madison proving unsuccessful, the passengers were taken off today and brought to Norfolk. The Madison went aground on Craney island last night, during a fog, and is embedded in five feet of mud.

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